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To All Authorized Persons
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Registered General Building Contractors
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Registered Minor Works Contractors

Dear Sir/Madam,

Amendments to Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013

Subsequent to the publication of the Code of Practice for the Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (the Code), the Technical Committee (TC) set up by this department regularly collects views and feedbacks received from the practitioners and the stakeholders arising from the use of the Code, and reviews the contents thereof for the necessary update.

2. Having considered the TC's recommendations, amendments to the Code for supplementing some updated technical information on structural use of concrete are promulgated with immediate effect and have been uploaded to the Buildings Department website http://www.bd.gov.hk under the "Codes of Practice and Design Manuals" page of the "Publications and Press Releases" section.

3. The major amendments include:-

(a) replacement of the term "cement content" by "cementitious content" which is the combined mass of cement, silica fume and either pulverised-fuel ash or ground granulated blastfurnance slag;

(b) revision of the minimum cementitious content for various concrete grades given in Table 4.2;

(c) new requirement specifying that post-fire investigation should include an assessment on the type and extent of remedial works to be carried out in order to restore the effectiveness of the adopted method for reducing the risk of concrete spalling in high strength concrete;

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(d) new guidelines for design of flange beams taking into account the longitudinal shear stress at the interface between the flange and web;

(e) new guidelines for shear design of circular columns;

(f) refinement of beam-column joint design;

(g) new guidelines to facilitate the assessment of crack width for structures with design crack widths limited to 0.1mm;

(h) an alternative method for designing exposed cantilevered slab by limiting the stress of deformed high yield steel reinforcing bars to 100N/mm^2 as given in Appendix A of PNAP APP-68;

(i) exemption of ductility design requirement for walls in single storey structures;

(j) construction requirements for external cantilevered slabs with a span exceeding 750mm as stipulated in paragraph 9 of Appendix A to PNAP APP-68;

(k) additional details of anchorage of links;

(l) alternative details of column transverse reinforcement as given in BD's circular letter dated 29 April 2011;

(m) guidelines for temporary resumption of concreting works under the situations as described in clauses 10.3.4.2 (iv) and (v) of the Code; and

(n) coring test requirements and corresponding acceptance criteria for further testing required under regulation 63 of the Building (Construction) Regulations.

Yours faithfully,

(LEE Yun-choi)
Assistant Director / New Buildings 2
for Building Authority

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Item	Clause/ Annex	Current Version	Amendments	Remarks
1	Clause 1.1	The following are outside the scope of this Code of Practice: (a) particular aspects of special types of buildings and civil engineering works, such as membrane, shell and composite structures, viaducts, dams, pressure vessels, and reservoirs (b) no fines concrete, aerated concrete, glass fibre reinforced concrete, and concrete containing lightweight or heavy aggregate or structural steel sections.	The following are outside the scope of this Code of Practice: (a) particular aspects of special types of buildings and civil engineering works, such as membrane, composite structures, viaducts, dams, pressure vessels, and reservoirs (b) no fines concrete, aerated concrete, glass fibre reinforced concrete, and concrete containing lightweight or heavy aggregate or structural steel sections.	The word "shell" is deleted as clause 5.2.1.1 covers the design of shell structures.
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Δx longitudinal length of the flange beam (see Figure 5.2b)
ΔF_d change of compressive force in the flange (see Figure 5.2b)</td><td>Definition of symbols s_f, v_{sf}, v_{sx}, v_{sy}, β_{vx}, β_{vy}, Δx, and ΔF_d are added.</td></tr>
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6	Clause 3.2.8.4	*Performance of type 2 mechanical couplers* Type 2 mechanical coupler should satisfy the following criteria: (a) The splicing assemblies shall be tested to establish that they comply with the requirements given in clause 3.2.8.3. (b) Static tension test: The splicing assemblies must develop in tension the greater of 100 percent of the specified tensile strength, R_m, of the bar, and 125 percent of the specified yield strength, f_y, of the bar (c) Static compression test: The splicing assemblies must develop in compression 125 percent of the specified yield strength, f_y, of the bar. (d) Cyclic tension-and-compression test: The splicing assemblies shall be tested in four stages as given in Table 3.4, and must sustain Stages 1 through 3 without failure. If the conditions of acceptance for the static tension test are complied with in Stage 4, the static tension test may be omitted.	Performance of type 2 mechanical couplers Type 2 mechanical coupler should satisfy the following criteria: (a) The splicing assemblies shall be tested to establish that they comply with the requirements given in clause 3.2.8.3. (b) Static tension test: The splicing assemblies must develop in tension the greater of 100 percent of the tensile strength, R_m, of the bar, and 125 percent of the specified characteristic yield strength, f_y, of the bar (c) Static compression test: The splicing assemblies must develop in compression 125 percent of the specified characteristic yield strength, f_y, of the bar. (d) Cyclic tension-and-compression test: The splicing assemblies shall be tested in four stages as given in Table 3.4, and must sustain Stages 1 through 3 without failure. If the conditions of acceptance for the static tension test are complied with in Stage 4, the static tension test may be omitted.	Definition of symbols f_y and Rm is unified and amended to “specified characteristic yield strength” and “tensile strength” respectively.
7	Clause 4.2.1	**General** One of the main characteristics influencing the durability of concrete is its permeability to the ingress of water, oxygen, carbon dioxide and other potentially deleterious substances. Permeability is governed by the constituents and procedures used in making the concrete. With normal-weight aggregates a suitably low permeability is achieved by having an adequate cement content, a sufficiently low free water/cement ratio, complete compaction of the concrete, and sufficient hydration of the cement through proper curing.	**General** One of the main characteristics influencing the durability of concrete is its permeability to the ingress of water, oxygen, carbon dioxide and other potentially deleterious substances. Permeability is governed by the constituents and procedures used in making the concrete. With normal-weight aggregates a suitably low permeability is achieved by having an adequate cementitious content, a sufficiently low free water/cement ratio, complete compaction of the concrete, and sufficient hydration of the cement through proper curing.	The original term “cement content” is replaced by “cementitious content”. The definition for “cementitious content” is given in Clause 1.4.1 in item 2 above.
8	Clause 4.2.1	(c) the environment (clause 4.2.3); (d) the type of cement (clauses 4.2.5 and 4.2.7); (e) the type of aggregate (clauses 4.2.5 and 4.2.7); (f) the cement content and water/cement ratio of the concrete (clause 4.2.6); and (g) workmanship, to obtain full compaction and efficient curing (clauses 10.3.5 and 10.3.6).	(c) the environment (clause 4.2.3); (d) the type of cementitious material(s) (clauses 4.2.5 and 4.2.7); (e) the type of aggregate (clauses 4.2.5 and 4.2.7); (f) the cementitious content and water/ cement ratio of the concrete (clause 4.2.6); and (g) workmanship, to obtain full compaction and efficient curing (clauses 10.3.5 and 10.3.6).	Consequential amendments (see remarks for Clause 4.2.1 in item 7 above).
9	Clause 4.2.2.1	Where the minimum dimension of the concrete to be placed in one continuous operation is greater than 600 mm, and especially where the cement content is 400 kg/m^3 or more, measures to reduce the temperature such as using material with a slower release of heat of hydration should be considered.	Where the minimum dimension of the concrete to be placed in one continuous operation is greater than 600 mm, and especially where the cementitious content is 400 kg/m^3 or more, measures to reduce the temperature such as using material with a slower release of heat of hydration should be considered.	Consequential amendments (see remarks for Clause 4.2.1 in item 7 above).

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A minimum cement content is required to ensure a long service life under particular exposure conditions, and appropriate values are given in tables 4.2 and 4.4. However, the cement content required for a particular water/cement ratio can vary significantly for different mix constituents. Where adequate workability is difficult to obtain at the maximum free water/cement ratio allowed, an increased cement content, the use of pfa or ggbs, and/or the use of plasticisers or water-reducing admixtures should be considered.
For normal strength concrete, i.e. $f_{cu} \leq 60$ N/mm^2, a total cementitious content including cement and pfa or ggbs in excess of 550 kg/m^3 should not be used unless special consideration has been given in design to the increased risk of cracking due to drying shrinkage in thin sections or to thermal stresses in thicker sections. For high strength concrete ($f_{cu} > 60$ N/mm^2), total cementitious contents should be controlled to avoid large heat of hydration as well as large shrinkage and creep strains. Under normal circumstances, the cement content should be limited to not more than 450 kg/m^3.
For concrete made with normal-weight aggregate and used in foundations to low rises structures in non-aggressive soil conditions, a minimum grade of C20 may be used provided the minimum cement content is not less than 290 kg/m^3.
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Unreinforced concrete

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Different aggregates require different water contents to produce concrete of the same workability and therefore at a given cement content, different water/cement ratios are obtained. In order to achieve a satisfactory workability at the specified maximum free water/cement ratio, it may be necessary to modify the mix as described in clause 4.2.6.1.

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Methods to reduce risk of concrete spalling

At least one of the following methods should be provided.

(a) **Method A:** A reinforcement mesh with a nominal cover of 15mm. This mesh shall have wires with a diameter ≥ 2mm with a pitch ≤ 50 x 50mm. The nominal cover to the main reinforcement shall be ≥ 40mm; or

(b) **Method B:** Include in the concrete mix not less than 1.5 kg/m^3 of monofilament propylene fibres. The fibres shall be 6 – 12 mm long and 18 – 32 μm in diameter, and shall have a melting point less than 180˚C; or

(c) **Method C:** Protective layers for which it is demonstrated by local experience or fire testing that no spalling of concrete occurs under fire exposure; or

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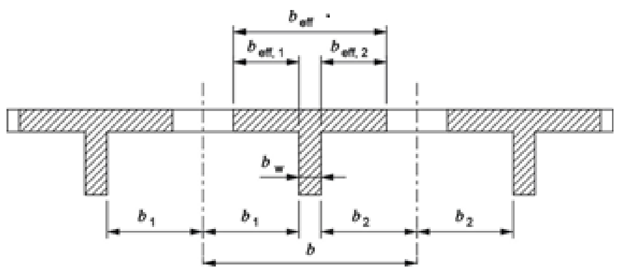
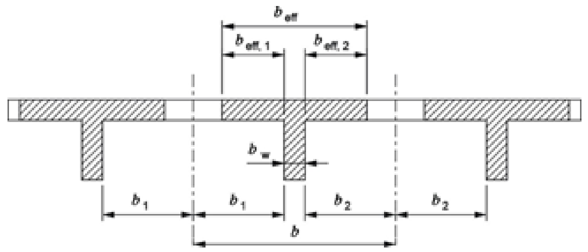
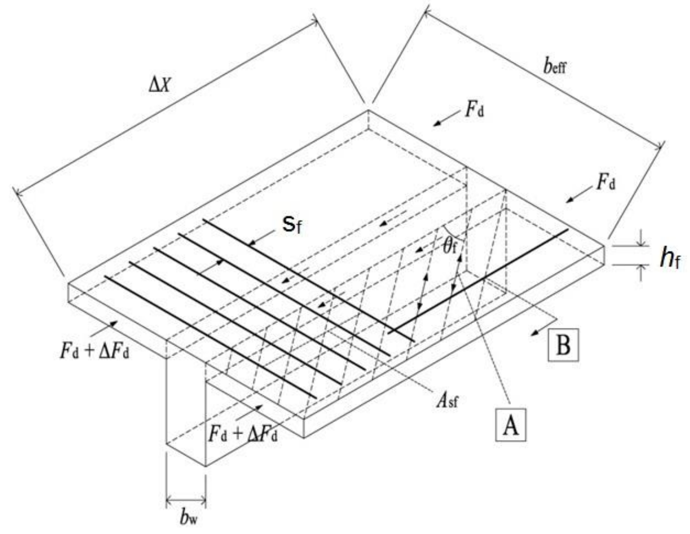
18	Clause 5.2.1.2(a)	Note 1: Unless $b_{eff,i}$ is taken as $\leq 0.1 l_{pi}$, the shear stress between the web and flange should be checked and provided with transverse reinforcement.  **Figure 5.2 - Effective flange width parameters** For structural analysis, where a great accuracy is not required, a constant width may be assumed over the whole span. The value applicable to the span section should be adopted.	Note 1: (a) Unless $b_{eff,i}$ is taken as $\leq 0.1 l_{pi}$, the shear stress between the web and flange should be checked and provided with transverse reinforcement.  **Figure 5.2a - Effective flange width parameters** (b) The longitudinal shear stress, v_{st}, at the interface between one side of a flange and the web, should be taken as: $v_{st} = \Delta F_d/(h_f \Delta x)$ (5.3a) where: h_f is the thickness of the beam flange Δx is the longitudinal length of the flange beam under consideration (see Figure 5.2b) of which the maximum value may be assumed to be half the distance between the section where the moment is 0 and the section where the moment is maximum. Where point loads are applied, this length should not exceed the distance between the point loads ΔF_d is the change of compressive force in the flange over the length Δx	Method for designing flange reinforcements in flange beams is added.

18 (Cont'd)	Clause 5.2.1.2(a) (Cont'd)		 A - compressive struts B - longitudinal bar anchored beyond this projected point (see Note 1(e)) **Figure 5.2b – Notations for the connection between flange and web** (c) Transverse reinforcements per unit length A_{sf}/s_f should be determined by assuming the flange to behave as a braced framework consisting of concrete struts and ties formed by tensile reinforcements and using the following equation: $0.87 f_y A_{sf}/s_f \geq v_{sf} h_f / \cot \theta_f$ (5.3b) where: A_{sf} is the area of flange transverse reinforcement s_f is the spacing of the flange transverse reinforcement For the purpose of avoiding failure of the compression struts in the flange, the following condition should be satisfied: $v_{sf} \leq (0.68 f_{cu}/\gamma_m) \sin \theta_f \cos \theta_f$ (5.3c) In the absence of more rigorous calculation, the following recommended values for cot θ_f can be used: $1.0 \leq \cot \theta_f \leq 2.0$ for compression flanges ($45° \geq \theta_f \geq 26.5°$) $2.0 \leq \cot \theta_f \leq 1.25$ for tension flanges ($45° \geq \theta_f \geq 38.6°$) (d) In case of combined shear between the flange and the web, and transverse bending, the area of steel should be the greater of that determined by Equation 5.3b or half that determined by Equation 5.3b plus that required for transverse bending. (e) Minimum longitudinal flange reinforcement should be provided in accordance with clause 9.3.1. Longitudinal tension reinforcement in the flange should be anchored beyond the strut required to transmit the force back to the web at the section where this reinforcement is required (see Figure 5.2b). (f) For structural analysis, where a great accuracy is not required, a constant width may be assumed over the whole span. The value applicable to the span section should be adopted.	Method for designing flange reinforcements in flange beams is added.

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19	Clause 6.1.3.3(g)	Loads on supporting beams The design loads on beams supporting solid slabs spanning in two directions at right angles and supporting uniformly distributed loads may be assessed from the following equations: $v_{sy} = \beta_{vy} n l_x$ 6.33 $v_{sx} = \beta_{vx} n l_x$ 6.34 where: v_{sx} is the design end shear on strips of unit width and span l_x and considered to act over the middle three-quarters of the edge, v_{sy} is the design end shear on strips of unit width and span l_y and considered to act over the middle three-quarters of the edge, β_{vx} and β_{vy} are the shear force coefficients shown in table 6.7.	Loads on supporting beams The design loads on beams supporting solid slabs spanning in two directions at right angles and supporting uniformly distributed loads may be assessed from the following equations: $v_{sy} = \beta_{vy} n l_x$ 6.33 $v_{sx} = \beta_{vx} n l_x$ 6.34 where: v_{sx} is the design end shear on strips of unit width and span l_x and considered to act over the middle three-quarters of the supporting beam, v_{sy} is the design end shear on strips of unit width and span l_y and considered to act over the middle three-quarters of the supporting beam, β_{vx} and β_{vy} are the shear force coefficients shown in Table 6.7.	Clarification of the definition of v_{sx} and v_{sy} by amending the word “edge” to “supporting beam” for clarity.
20	Clause 6.1.3.5 – Table 6.8 – Note 1	Notes: 1. v_r = 0.4 for f_{cu} ≤ 40 N/mm² or 0.4(f_{cu} /40)2/3 for f_{cu} > 40 N/mm² with the value of f_{cu} not to be taken as greater than 80 N/mm²	Notes: 1. v_r = 0.4 for f_{cu} ≤ 40 N/mm² or 0.4(f_{cu} /40)$^{2/3}$ for f_{cu} > 40 N/mm² with the value of f_{cu} not to be taken as greater than 80 N/mm²	A typo is rectified.

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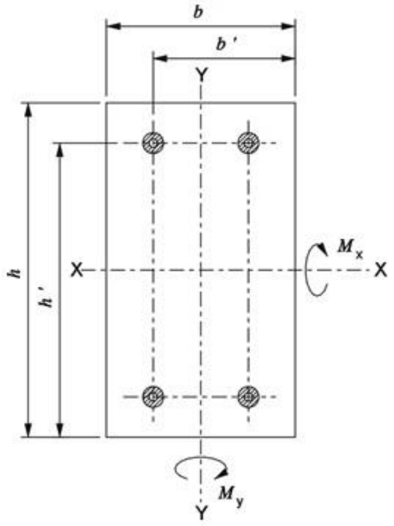

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(i) Design concrete shear stress
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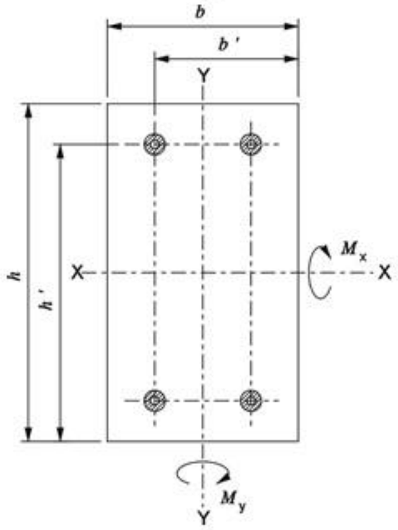

Figure 6.18 - Biaxially bent columns
(iii) Design shear resistance of circular column
Shear resistance of circular column should be checked in accordance with clause 6.1.2.5 with the following definitions.
(1) For equation 6.19, $b_v d = r^2 (\pi/2 + \alpha + \sin\alpha \cos\alpha)$ 6.58a
where:
r is the radius of the circular section
r_s is the radius of the circumference along the centre line of the longitudinal reinforcement (see Figure 6.18a)
$d = r(1+\sin\alpha)$ is the effective depth taken as the depth to the centroid of the reinforcement below the centre line of the cross section of the circular column (see Figure 6.18a)
$\sin\alpha = 2r_s / (\pi r)$ $(0 < \alpha < \pi/2)$
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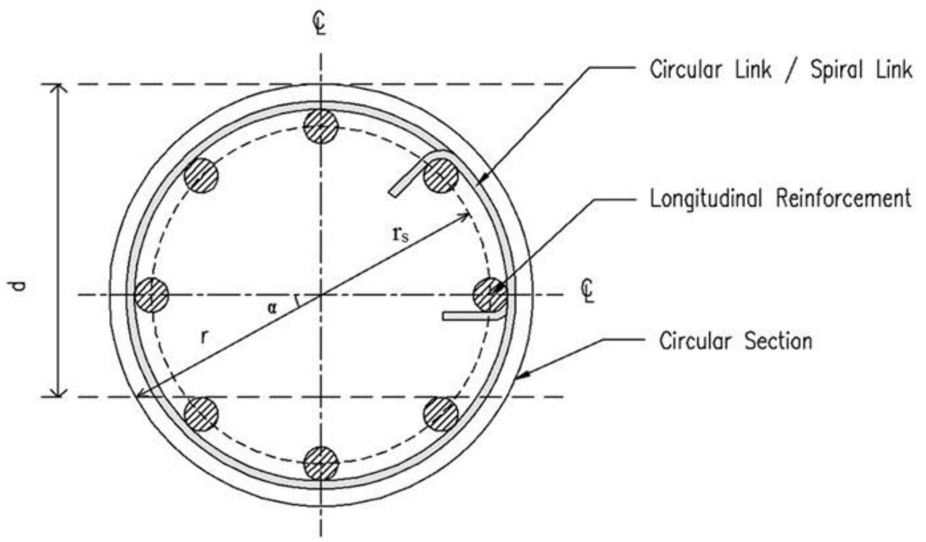
21 (Cont'd)	Clause 6.2.1.4 (e) (Cont'd)		 Figure 6.18a – Geometry of the Circular Section (2) For Table 6.2, the term (v_c + v_r) should be replaced by v_c such that nominal links should be provided when $0.5v_c < v < v_c$ and shear reinforcement should be provided when $v_c < v < 0.8\sqrt{f_{cu}}$ or 7.0 N/mm²; (3) For Table 6.3, calculation of v_c, A_s should be taken as half the total area of longitudinal steel and $b_v d$ should be determined as equation 6.58a ; (iv) Provision of shear reinforcement Shear reinforcement can be either fixed with circular links (see equation 6.58b) or spiral links (see equation 6.58c). The spacing of links is in the direction of the height of the circular columns. The shear design for the cross section should be analysed from the following equations: $A_{sv} \geq \frac{2r\, s_v (v - v_c)}{0.87 f_{yv}}$ 6.58b or $A_{sv} \geq \frac{r\, s_v (v - v_c)}{0.87 f_{yv} (1 - 0.225 s_v / r)}$ 6.58c where: s_v is the spacing of circular links along the member for equation 6.58b or the pitch spacing of spiral links along the member for equation 6.58c Note: Since each link is cut twice by the shear plane, A_{sv} is twice the cross sectional area of the link.	A new clause to provide guidelines for the design of shear reinforcement in circular column is added.

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The design forces acting on a beam-column joint shall be evaluated from the maximum internal forces in all members meeting at the joint under the most adverse load combinations at ultimate limit state as specified in table 2.1, with the joint in equilibrium.

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At columns of two-way frames, where beams frame into the joint from two directions, these forces need only be considered in each direction independently.

</td><td>The design forces for beam-column joint of lateral load resisting frame should be calculated under the most adverse load combinations at ultimate limit state as specified in table 2.1. The beam-column joint design should be calculated by taking the “required” amount of longitudinal beam reinforcement instead of the “provided” amount of longitudinal beam reinforcement.</td></tr>
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Joint shear stress

The horizontal joint shear stress computed with equation 6.71 shall not exceed 0.2 f_{cu}.

$$v_{jh} = \frac{V_{jh}}{b_j h_c} \qquad 6.71$$

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</td><td>The effect of all forces on the beam-column joints including beneficial column shear forces should be considered in deriving the total horizontal design joint shear force V_{jh}.

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$$\varepsilon_m = \varepsilon_1 - \frac{b_t(h-x)(a'-x)}{3E_s A_s(d-x)} \qquad 7.2$$

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$$\varepsilon_m = \varepsilon_1 - \frac{b_t(h-x)(a'-x)}{3E_s A_s(d-x)}$$ for a limiting design surface crack width of 0.2mm ; 7.2

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Modification factor = $0.55 + \frac{(477 - f_s)}{120\left(0.9 + \frac{M}{bd^2}\right)} \le 2.0$
where:
M is the design ultimate moment at the centre of the span or, for a cantilever, at the support.
2. The design service stress in the tension reinforcement in a member may be estimated from the equation:
$f_s = \frac{2 f_y A_{st,req}}{3 A_{st,prov}} \times \frac{1}{\beta_b}$ - see clause 6.1.2.4 (b) for definition of β_b
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1. The values in the table are derived from the following equation:
Modification factor = $0.55 + \frac{(477 - f_s)}{120\left(0.9 + \frac{M}{bd^2}\right)} \le 2.0$
where:
M is the design ultimate moment at the centre of the span or, for a cantilever, at the support.
2. The design service stress in the tension reinforcement in a member may be estimated from the equation:
$f_s = \frac{2 f_y A_{s,req}}{3 A_{s,prov}} \times \frac{1}{\beta_b}$ - see clause 6.1.2.4 (b) for definition of β_b
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29 — Clause 7.3.6 – Table 7.7

Original:

$100\frac{A_{st}}{bd}$ \ $100\frac{A'_s}{bd}$	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
0.25	0.44	0.31	0.26	0.22	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.15
0.50	0.56	0.31	0.26	0.22	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.15
0.75	0.64	0.45	0.26	0.22	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.15
1.00	0.70	0.55	0.39	0.22	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.15
1.50	0.80	0.69	0.57	0.45	0.32	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.15
2.00	0.88	0.79	0.69	0.60	0.49	0.39	0.28	0.16	0.15
2.50	0.95	0.87	0.79	0.70	0.62	0.53	0.44	0.35	0.25
3.00	1.00	0.94	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.64	0.57	0.49	0.40
3.50	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.87	0.8	0.74	0.67	0.60	0.52
4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.87	0.81	0.75	0.69	0.62

Table 7.7 - Values of ρ_o for calculation of shrinkage curvatures

Revised:

$100\frac{A_s}{bd}$ \ $100\frac{A_s'}{bd}$	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
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1.00	0.70	0.55	0.39	0.22	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.15
1.50	0.80	0.69	0.57	0.45	0.32	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.15
2.00	0.88	0.79	0.69	0.60	0.49	0.39	0.28	0.16	0.15
2.50	0.95	0.87	0.79	0.70	0.62	0.53	0.44	0.35	0.25
3.00	1.00	0.94	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.64	0.57	0.49	0.40
3.50	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.87	0.8	0.74	0.67	0.60	0.52
4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.87	0.81	0.75	0.69	0.62

Table 7.7 - Values of ρ_o for calculation of shrinkage curvatures

Typos are rectified.

30 — Clause 7.3.6 – Figure 7.2

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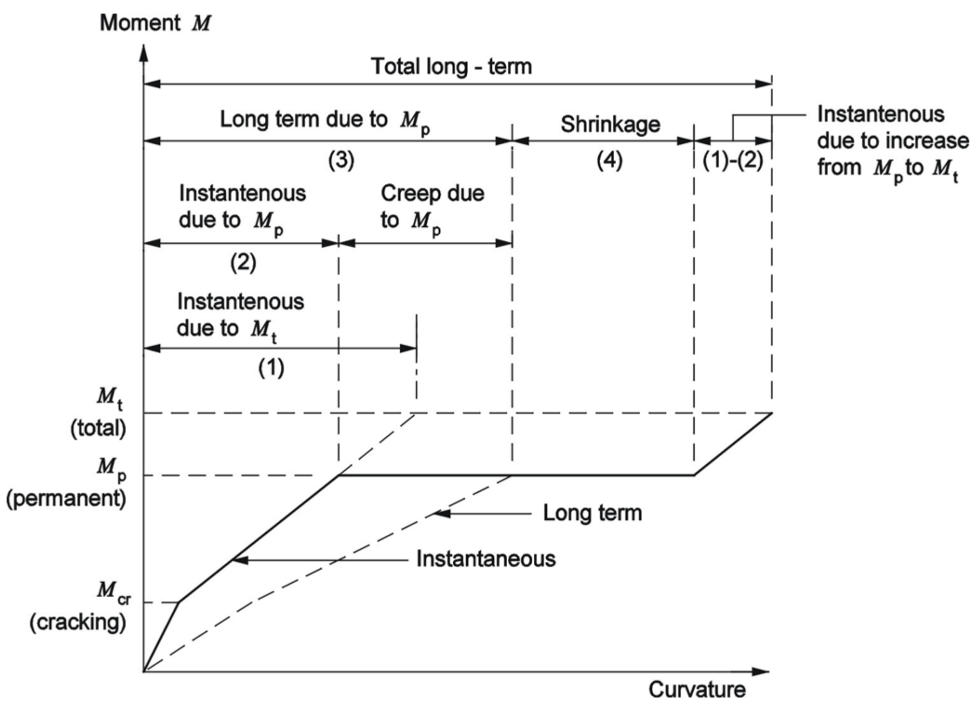

Figure 7.2 - Loading history for serviceability limit state - deflection

Revised:

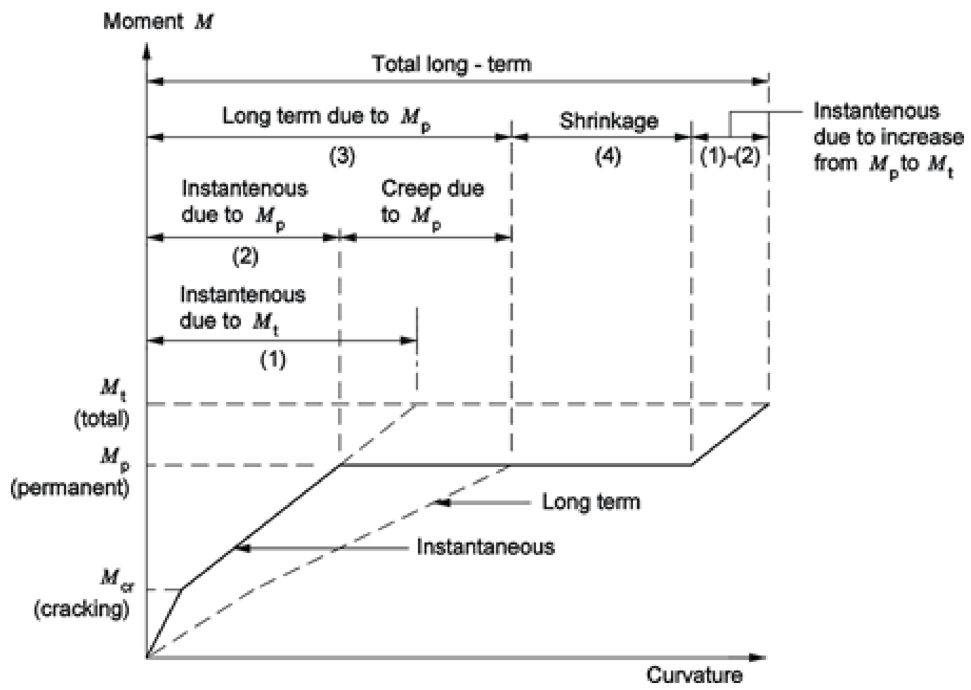

Figure 7.2 - Loading history for serviceability limit state - curvature

The term "deflection" in the title is amended to "curvature" to tally with the figure.

31 — Clause 8.4.3 – equation 8.2

Original:

$$f_b = F_s/\pi\phi l_b \quad 8.2$$

where:

F_s is the force in the bar or group of bars

ϕ is the effective bar size which, for a single bars is the bar size and for a group of bars in contact is equal to the diameter of a bar of equal total area.

Revised:

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where:

F_s is the force in the bar or group of bars

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A bracket is added to the denominator of equation 8.2 for clarity.

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Values for design ultimate anchorage bond stress f_{bu} may be obtained from the equation:
$f_{bu} = \beta\sqrt{f_{cu}}$ 8.3
where:
f_{cu} is the characteristic compressive cube strength of concrete, limited to 60 N/mm^2 for the purpose of calculating ultimate anchorage bond stress,
f_{bu} is the design ultimate anchorage bond stress,
β is a coefficient dependent on the bar type.
For bars in tension in slabs or in beams where minimum links have been provided in accordance with Table 6.3, the values of β may be taken from table 8.3. These values include a partial safety factor γ_m of 1.4
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Minimum ultimate anchorage bond lengths
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$l_b \ge f_s\phi/4f_{bu}$ 8.4
where:
f_s is $0.87f_y$
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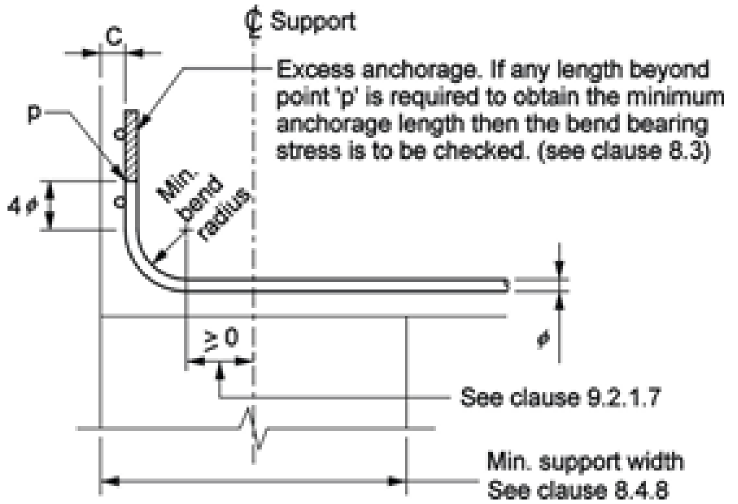
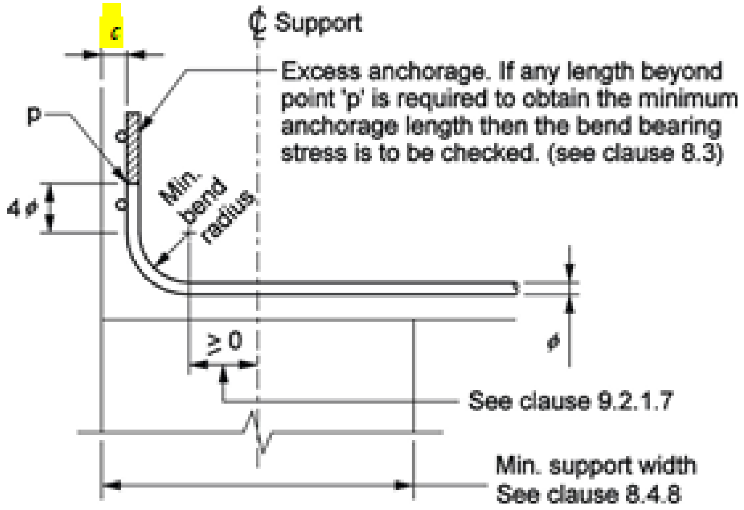
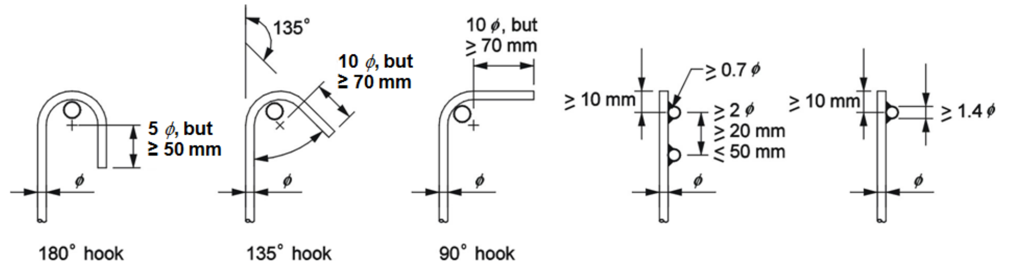
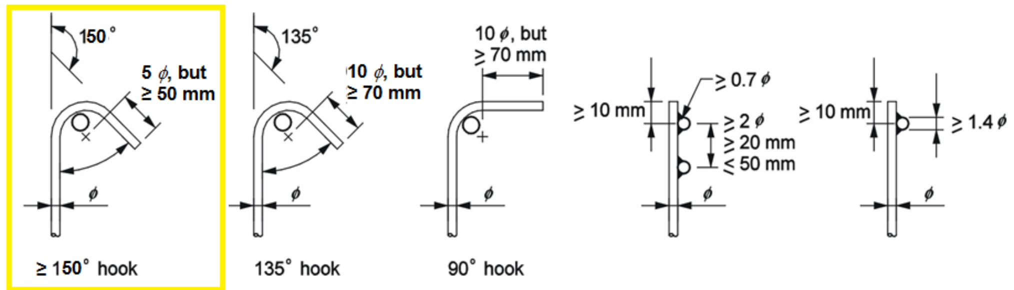
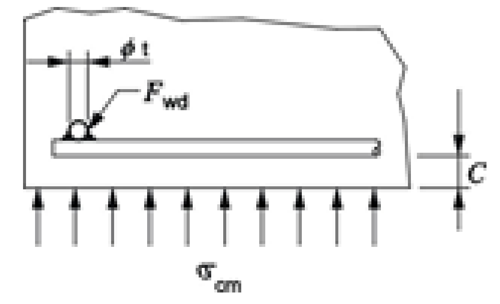
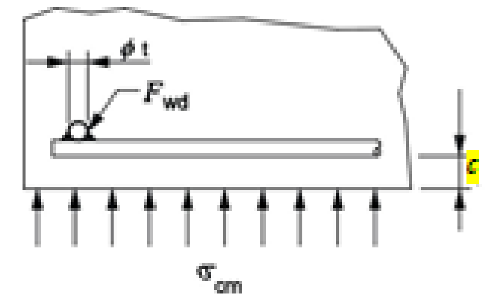
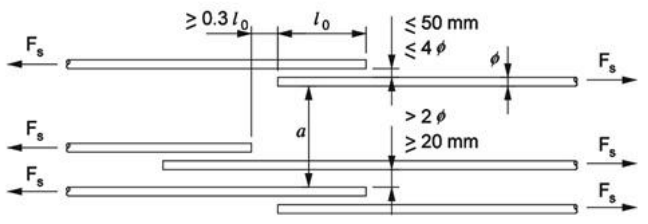
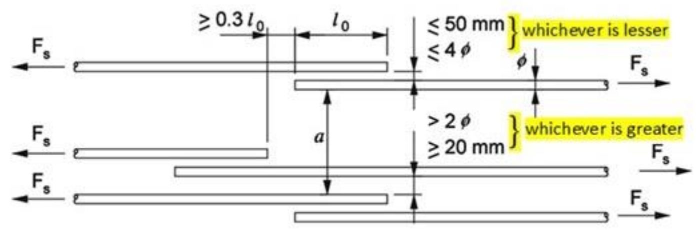
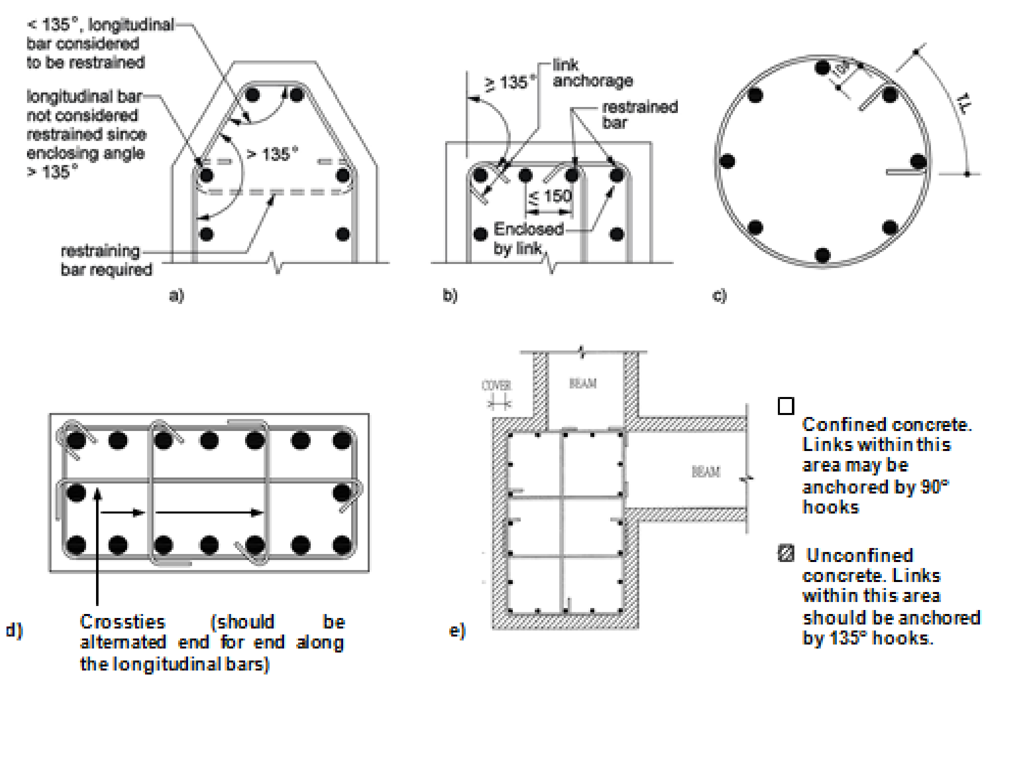
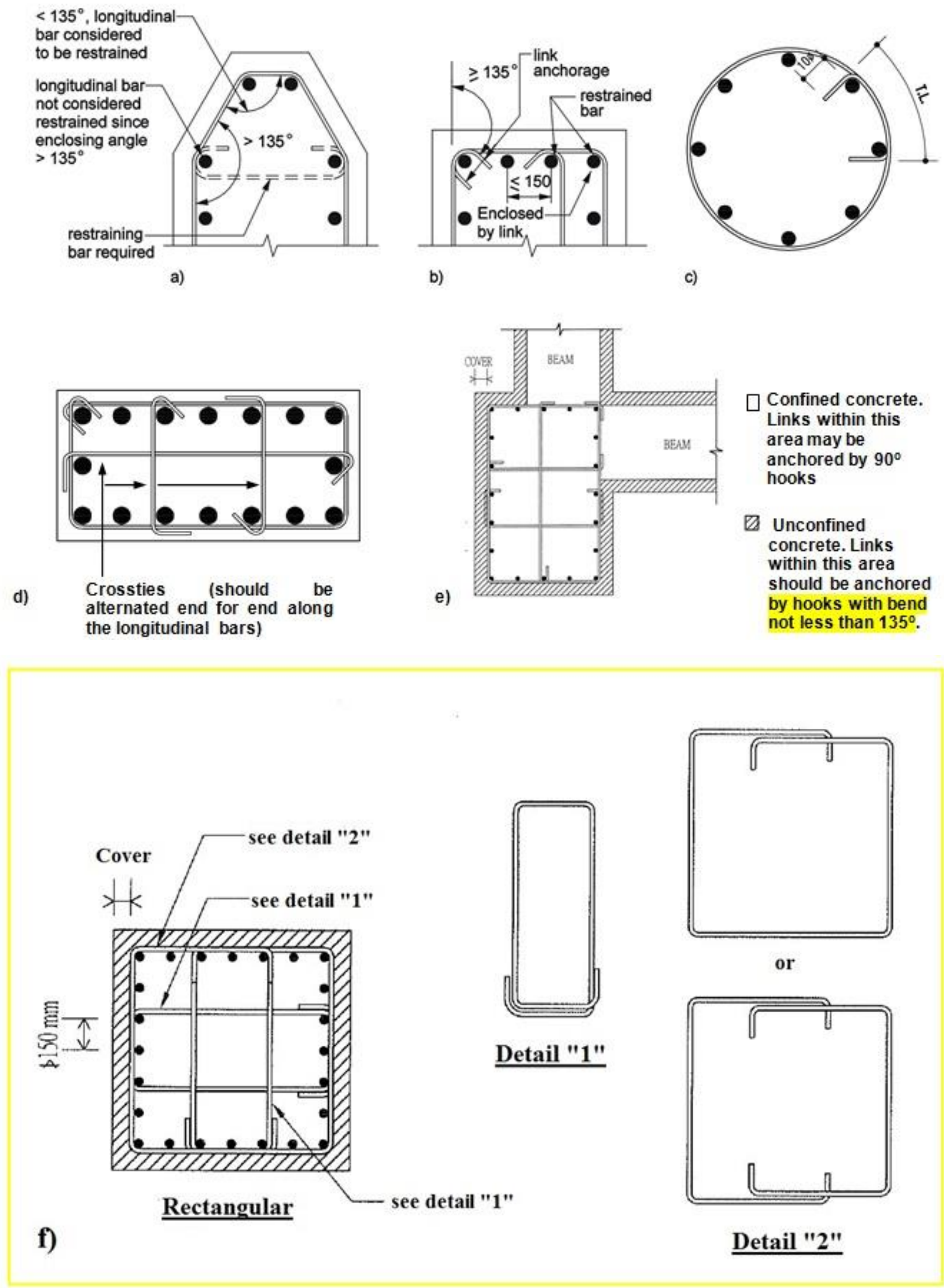
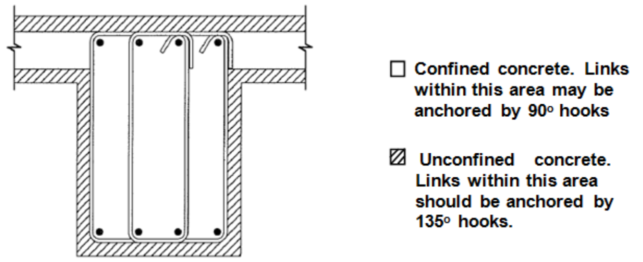
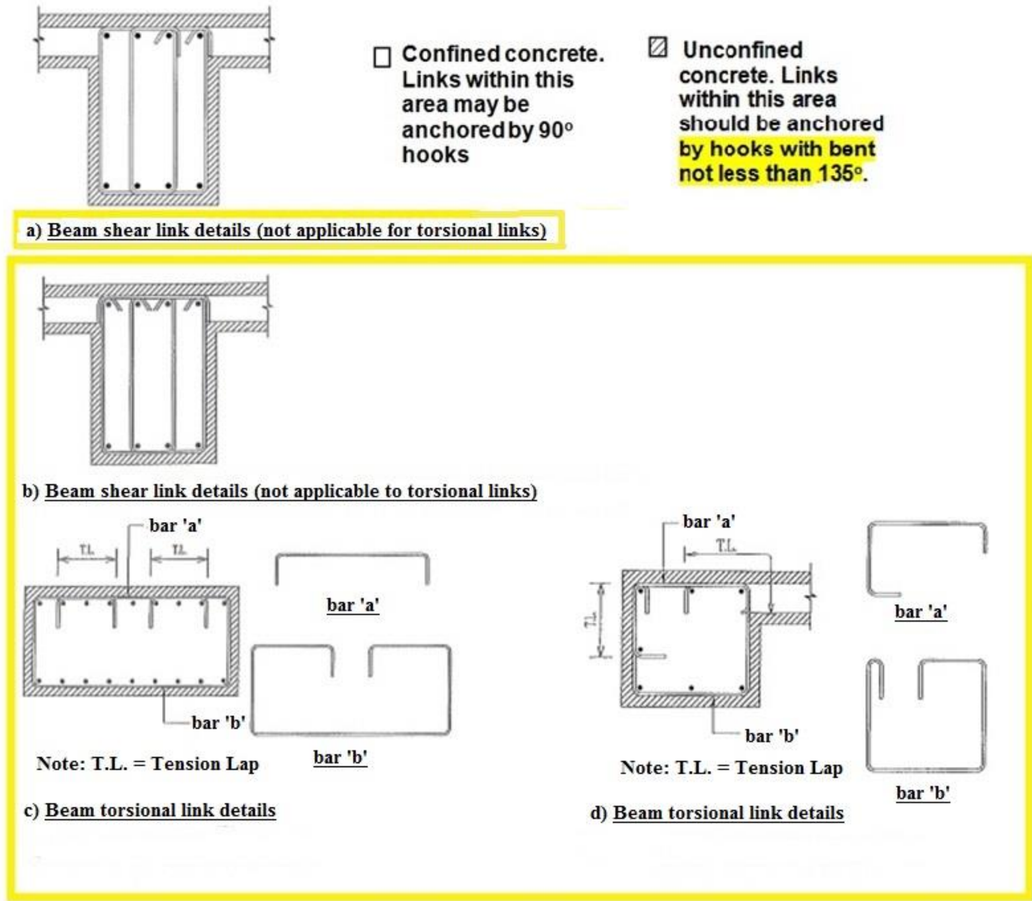
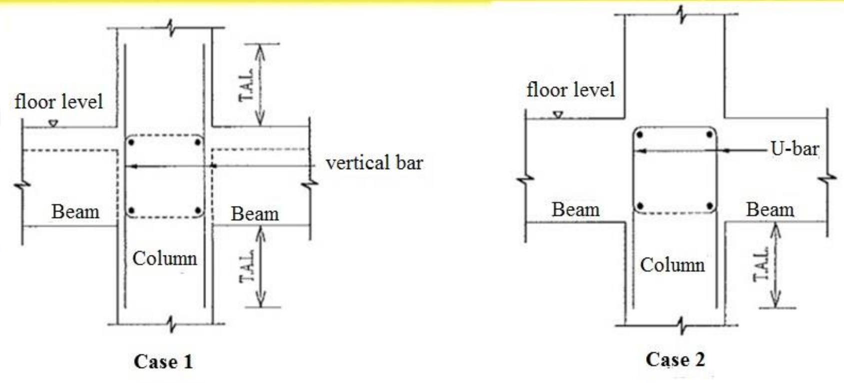
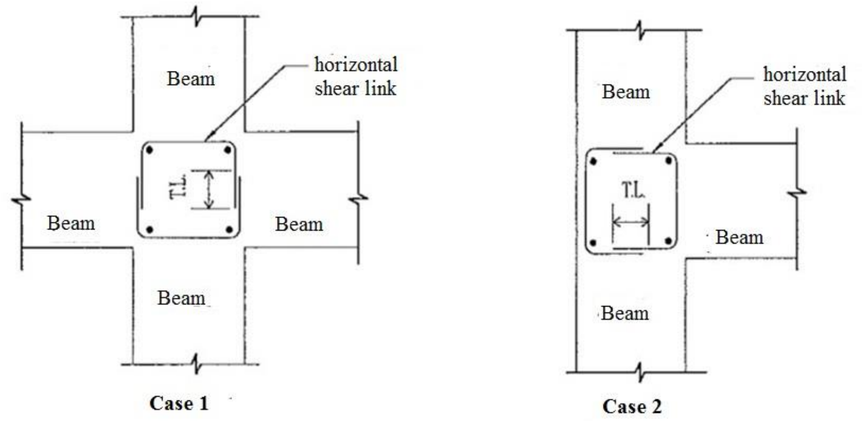
34	Clause 8.4.6 – Figure 8.1	 **Figure 8.1 - Requirements of a bend anchorage**	 **Figure 8.1 - Requirements of a bend anchorage**	The symbol "C" is amended to "c" in order to tally with the notation used in Equations 8.5 and 8.6.
35	Clause 8.4.8	**Minimum support widths** Supports in the form of beams, columns and walls etc. should have a minimum width of: $2(4\phi + c)$ for anchored bars less than 20 mm in diameter, or 8.5 $2(5\phi + c)$ for anchored bars 20 mm or larger in diameter. 8.6 See figure 8.1 for notation.	**Minimum support widths** Supports in the form of beams, columns and walls etc. should have a minimum width of: $2(3\phi + c)$ for anchored bars less than or equal to 12 mm in diameter, or 8.5a $2(4\phi + c)$ for anchored bars larger than 12 mm but less than 20 mm in diameter, or 8.5 $2(5\phi + c)$ for anchored bars 20 mm or larger in diameter. 8.6 See figure 8.1 for notation.	An equation for calculating the minimum support width for anchor bars less than or equal to 12mm in diameter is added to tally with the minimum bend radius for hooks and loops given in Table 8.2.
36	Clause 8.5 – Figure 8.2	 **Figure 8.2 - Anchorage of links**	 **Figure 8.2 - Anchorage of links**	Additional details of anchorage of links for hooks with 150° & above is added. Original detail of 180° hook is covered by the new details and hence is deleted.

37	Clause 8.6 – Figure 8.3	 **Figure 8.3 - Welded transverse bar as anchoring device**	 **Figure 8.3 - Welded transverse bar as anchoring device**	The symbol “C” is amended to “c” in order to tally with the notation used in Equations 8.5 and 8.6.
38	Clause 8.7	**8.7 LAPS AND MECHANICAL COUPLERS** **8.7.1 General** Forces are transmitted from one bar to another by: (a) lapping of bars, with or without bends or hooks; (b) welding; or (c) mechanical devices assuring load transfer in tension and/or compression. In joints where imposed loading is predominantly cyclical bars should not be joined by welding.	**8.7 LAPS** **8.7.1 General** Forces are transmitted from one bar to another by: (a) lapping of bars, with or without bends or hooks; (b) welding; or (c) mechanical devices assuring load transfer in tension and/or compression. In joints where imposed loading is predominantly cyclical bars should not be joined by welding.	The title “LAPS AND MECHANICAL COUPLES” is amended to “LAPS” as the requirements for mechanical couplers are given in Clause 3.2.8.
39	Clause 8.7.2 & Figure 8.4	(d) the clear transverse distance between two lapping bars should not be greater than 4ϕ or 50 mm, otherwise the lap length should be increased by a length equal to the clear space exceeding 4ϕ or 50mm; (e) the longitudinal distance between two adjacent laps should not be less than 0.3 times the lap length, l_0; and (f) in case of adjacent laps, the clear distance between adjacent bars should not be less than 2ϕ or 20 mm. The permissible percentage of lapped bars in tension at any section may be 100% where the bars are all in one layer, or 50% where the bars are in several layers. All bars in compression and secondary (distribution) reinforcement may be lapped in one section.  **Figure 8.4 - Adjacent laps**	(d) the clear transverse distance between two lapping bars should not be greater than 4ϕ or 50 mm, otherwise the lap length should be increased by a length equal to the clear space exceeding 4ϕ or 50mm, whichever is lesser; (e) the longitudinal distance between two adjacent laps should not be less than 0.3 times the lap length, l_0; and (f) in case of adjacent laps, the clear distance between adjacent bars should not be less than 2ϕ or 20 mm, whichever is greater. The permissible percentage of lapped bars in tension at any section may be 100% where the bars are all in one layer, or 50% where the bars are in 2 or more layers. All bars in compression and secondary (distribution) reinforcement may be lapped in one section.  **Figure 8.4 - Adjacent laps**	● The term “several layers” is amended to “2 or more layers” for clarity. ● The requirements on clear transverse distance between two lapping bars and clear distance between adjacent bars in clause 8.7.2 and Figure 8.4 are clarified.
40	Clause 9.1	Detailing of members should normally comply with both the general detailing rules given in clauses 9.2 to 9.8 and the particular rules for ductility given in clause 9.9. However, members not contributing in the lateral load resisting system do not need to conform to the requirements of clause 9.9.	Detailing of members should normally comply with both the general detailing rules given in clauses 9.2 to 9.8 and the particular rules for ductility given in clause 9.9. However, members not contributing in the lateral load resisting system or walls for single storey structures do not need to conform to the requirements of clause 9.9.	Walls for single storey structures are exempt from the ductility design requirement.
41	Clause 9.4.1(j)	Cantilevered slabs exposed to weathering should be designed for : (i) exposure condition 2 or higher if appropriate; (j) estimated maximum crack width not exceeding 0.1 mm under serviceability limit state.	Cantilevered slabs exposed to weathering should be designed for : (i) exposure condition 2 or higher if appropriate; (j) estimated maximum crack width not exceeding 0.1 mm under serviceability limit state or the stress of deformed high yield steel reinforcing bars used should not exceed 100 N/mm^2 when checking the flexural tension under the working load condition.	The alternative checking method for exposed cantilevered slab by limiting the stress of deformed high yield steel reinforcing bars to 100N/mm^2 as given in Appendix A of PNAP APP-68 is incorporated.

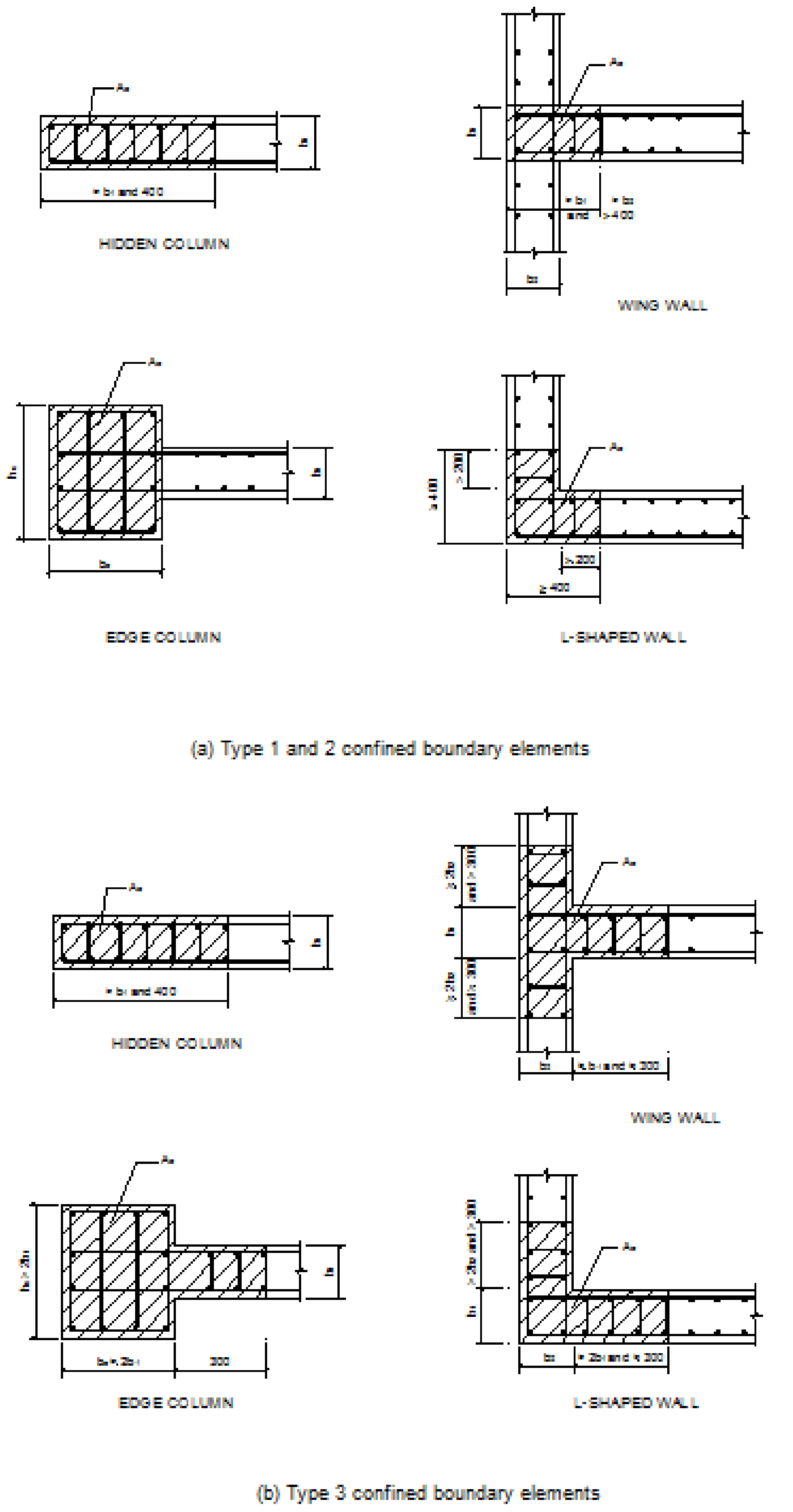
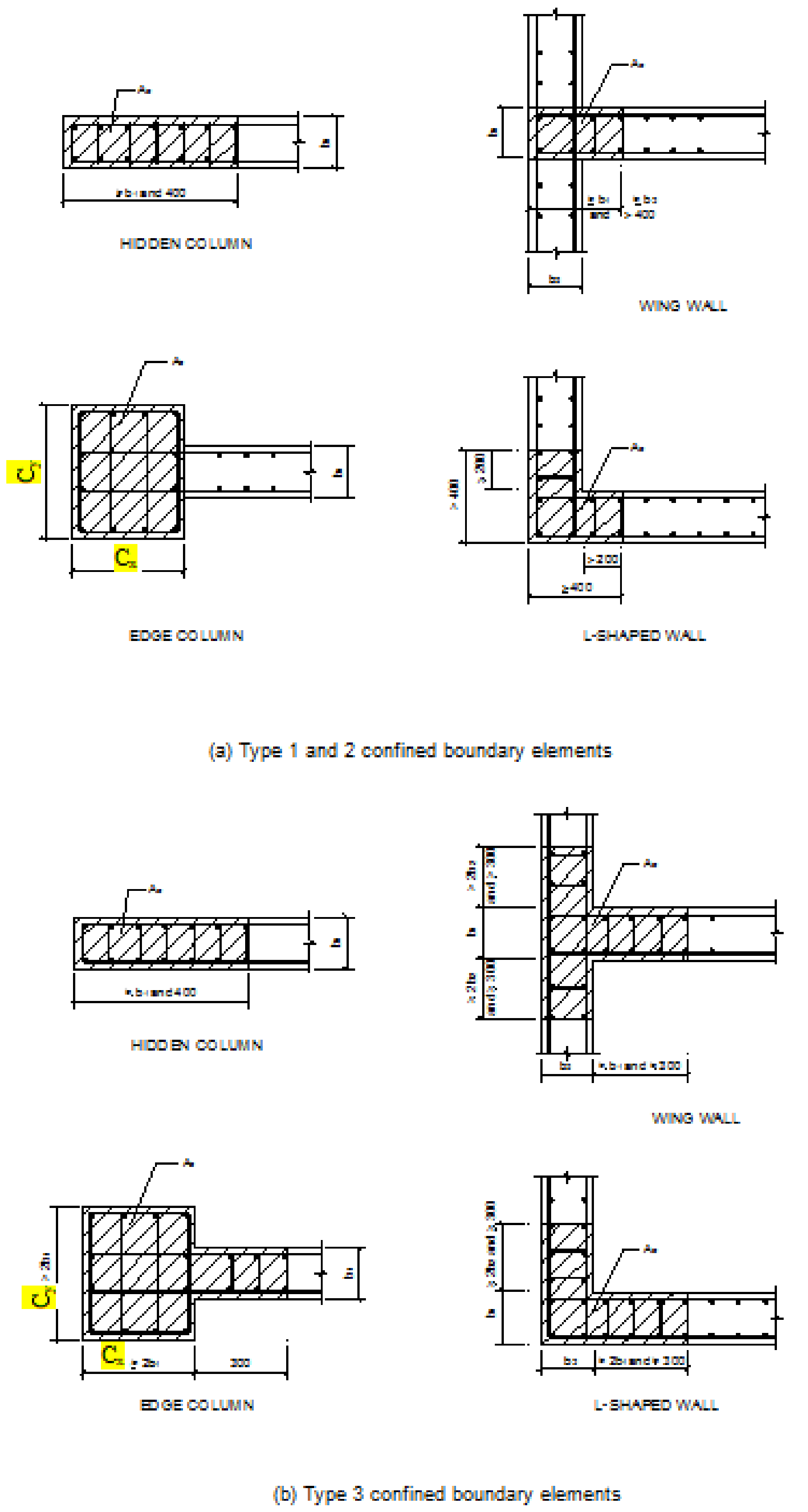
42	Clause 9.4.4	**Details and construction** Cantilevered structures, especially those projecting over streets, should be detailed in such a manner that they may be demolished or replaced without affecting the safety and integrity of the main structure of the building. Cantilevered structures should be cast monolithically with and at the same time as the directly supporting members. Construction joints should not be located along the external edge of the supporting members. In case this is unavoidable, the construction method should ensure that the finished product should have a structural strength and integrity not inferior to that provided by monolithic construction, and should not invite ingress of water through the joint. Adequate bar spacers should be provided to maintain the position and alignment of the steel reinforcing bars. Every endeavour should be made to avoid steel reinforcing bars from being displaced or depressed. Concrete works should strictly comply with requirements stipulated in clause 10.3 Where a wall is designed to support a cantilevered slab, it should have adequate thickness to allow the proper anchorage of the main reinforcing bars of the cantilevered slab.	**Details and construction** Cantilevered structures, especially those projecting over streets, should be detailed in such a manner that they may be demolished or replaced without affecting the safety and integrity of the main structure of the building. Cantilevered structures should be cast monolithically with and at the same time as the directly supporting members. Construction joints should not be located along the external edge of the supporting members. In case this is unavoidable, the construction method should ensure that the finished product should have a structural strength and integrity not inferior to that provided by monolithic construction, and should not invite ingress of water through the joint. Adequate bar spacers should be provided to maintain the position and alignment of the steel reinforcing bars. Every endeavour should be made to avoid steel reinforcing bars from being displaced or depressed. Concrete works should strictly comply with requirements stipulated in clause 10.3 Where a wall is designed to support a cantilevered slab, it should have adequate thickness to allow the proper anchorage of the main reinforcing bars of the cantilevered slab. External cantilevered slabs with a span exceeding 750 mm exposed to weathering should satisfy the following requirements:- (a) concrete should be water-proof concrete of characteristic compressive strength not less than 35MPa at 28 days; (b) all main steel reinforcing bars should be hot-dip galvanized to BS EN ISO 1461; and (c) water-proof membrane/tanking should be provided and protected by 1:3 cement sand mortar of 0.65 maximum free water/cement ratio or other equivalent means.	The additional construction requirements for external cantilevered slab with a span exceeding 750mm as stipulated in paragraph 9 of Appendix A to PNAP APP-68 are incorporated.
43	Clause 9.5	**COLUMNS** This clause deals with columns for which the larger dimension h_c is not greater than 4 times the smaller dimension b_c.	**COLUMNS** This clause deals with columns for which the larger dimension is not greater than 4 times the smaller dimension .	The symbols "b_c" & "h_c" are deleted.
44	Clause 9.5.2.2	*Rectangular or polygonal columns* All corner bars, and alternate bars (or bundle) in an outer layer of reinforcement should be supported by links, with or without crossties, passing around the bars and having an included angle of not more than 135° (see figure 9.5a). No bar within a compression zone should be further than 150 mm from a restrained bar. Links should be adequately anchored by means of hooks bent though an angle of not less than 135° (see figure 9.5b). Crossties should be adequately anchored by means of hooks bent through an angle of not less than 135° at one end and 90° at the other end, and should be alternated end for end along the longitudinal bars (see figure 9.5d). Where there is adequate confinement to prevent the end anchorage of the link from "kick off"(see figure 9.5e), the 135° hook in the links or crossties may be replaced by other standard hoods given in figure 8.2.	*Rectangular or polygonal columns* All corner bars, and alternate bars (or bundle) in an outer layer of reinforcement should be supported by links, with or without crossties, passing around the bars and having an included angle of not more than 135° (see Figure 9.5a). No bar within a compression zone should be further than 150 mm from a restrained bar. Links should be adequately anchored by means of hooks bent though an angle of not less than 135° (see Figure 9.5b). Crossties should be adequately anchored by means of hooks bent through an angle of not less than 135° at one end and 90° at the other end, and should be alternated end for end along the longitudinal bars (see Figure 9.5d). Where there is adequate confinement to prevent the end anchorage of the link from "kick off"(see Figure 9.5e), hooks with bend not less than 135° in the links or crossties may be replaced by other standard hooks given in Figure 8.2.	Textual refinements and typos are rectified.

45	Clause 9.5.2.4 and Figure 9.5f added	 **Figure 9.5 - Column transverse reinforcement**	*9.5.2.4 Alternative details* Alternative arrangement of column transverse reinforcement is given in Figure 9.5f.  **Figure 9.5 - Column transverse reinforcement**	The alternative details of column transverse reinforcement as stipulated in BD's circular letter dated 29 April 2011 are incorporated.
46	Clause 9.9.1.3 (a)(i)	The centre-to-centre spacing of links or ties along a beam shall not exceed: (i) Inside the critical zone: the larger of 150mm or 8 times the longitudinal bar diameter	The centre-to-centre spacing of links or ties along a beam shall not exceed: (i) Inside the critical zone: the smaller of 150mm or 8 times the longitudinal bar diameter	A typo is rectified.

47	Clause 9.9.1.3(b) and Figure 9.7	Anchorage Links should be adequately anchored by means of 135° or 180° hooks in accordance with clause 8.5. Anchorage by means of welded cross bars is not permitted. Where there is adequate confinement to prevent the end anchorage of the link from “kick off”, the 135° hook may be replaced by other standard hoods given in figure 8.2 (see figure 9.7).  Figure 9.7 – Typical confinement in beam	Anchorage Links should be adequately anchored by means of hooks with bend not less than 135° in accordance with clause 8.5. Anchorage by means of welded cross bars is not permitted. Where there is adequate confinement to prevent the end anchorage of the link from “kick off”, hooks with bent not less than 135° may be replaced by other standard hooks given in Figure 8.2 (see Figure 9.7).  Figure 9.7 - Typical confinement in beam	Textual refinements and typos are rectified. The alterative beam shear link details as stipulated in BD’s circular letter dated 29 April 2011 are incorporated.
48	Clause 9.9.2.2(c)	Anchorage Links and ties should be adequately anchored by means of 135° hooks in accordance with clause 9.5.2 (see figure 9.5b, c, d & e). Where there is adequate confinement to prevent the end anchorage of the link from “kick off”, the 135° hook may be replaced by other standard hoods given in figure 8.2.	Anchorage Links and ties should be adequately anchored by means of hooks with bend not less than 135° in accordance with clause 9.5.2 (see Figure 9.5b, c, d & e). Where there is adequate confinement to prevent the end anchorage of the link from “kick off”, hooks with bend not less than 135° may be replaced by other standard hooks given in Figure 8.2.	Textual refinements and a typo are rectified.

49	Clause 9.9.2.4 and Figure 9.7a added		**9.9.2.4 *Shear reinforcement in beam-column joints*** Typical details of shear reinforcement in beam-column joints are given in figure 9.7a.  Notes: 1. Vertical shear reinforcement may be provided by vertical bars or inverted U-bars with adequate anchorages into column above or below the joint. 2. T.A.L. = Tension Anchorage Length a) **Beam-column joint - elevation showing vertical shear reinforcement**  Notes: 1. Horizontal shear reinforcement may be provided by U-bars. 2. Shear reinforcement should not extend outside column section. b) **Beam-column joint - plan showing horizontal shear reinforcement** **Figure 9.7a - Beam-Column Joint Shear Reinforcement**	The typical beam-column joint shear reinforcement details as stipulated in BD's circular letter dated 29 April 2011 are incorporated.

50	Clause 9.9.3.2	*Confined boundary elements* Confined boundary elements are the edge regions or intersections of the cross-sections of walls, which are strengthened by confining reinforcement as specified in this clause. (a) Type 1 confined boundary element Type 1 confined boundary element refers to the shaded portions of the walls in Figure 9.11(a), and should be provided with vertical reinforcement satisfying the following requirements: (i) not less than 0.6% of the sectional area of the structural boundary element; (ii) not smaller than 12mm in diameter and not less than 6 in number; and (iii) each vertical bar is tied with links of at least 10mm diameter and vertical spacing not exceeding 250 mm. (b) Type 2 confined boundary element Type 2 confined boundary element refers to the shaded portions of the walls in Figure 9.11(a), and should be provided with vertical reinforcement satisfying the following requirements: (i) not less than 0.8% of the sectional area of the structural boundary element; (ii) not smaller than 16mm in diameter and not less than 6 in number; and (iii) each vertical bar is tied with links of at least 10mm diameter and vertical spacing not exceeding 200 mm. (c) Type 3 confined boundary element Type 3 confined boundary element refers to the shaded portions of the walls in Figure 9.11(b), and should be provided with vertical reinforcement satisfying the following requirements: (i) not less than 1% of the sectional area of the structural boundary element; (ii) not smaller than 16mm in diameter and not less than 6 in number; and (iii) spacing not exceeding 150mm; and (iv) each vertical bar is tied with links of at least 12mm diameter and vertical spacing not exceeding 150 mm.	*Confined boundary elements* Confined boundary elements are the edge regions or intersections of the cross-sections of walls, which are strengthened by confining reinforcement as specified in this clause. (a) Type 1 confined boundary element Type 1 confined boundary element refers to the shaded portions of the walls in Figure 9.11(a), and should be provided with vertical reinforcement satisfying the following requirements: (i) not less than 0.6% of the sectional area of the structural boundary element; (ii) not smaller than 12mm in diameter and not less than 6 in number; and (iii) each vertical bar is tied with links or ties of at least 10mm diameter and vertical spacing not exceeding 250 mm. (b) Type 2 confined boundary element Type 2 confined boundary element refers to the shaded portions of the walls in Figure 9.11(a), and should be provided with vertical reinforcement satisfying the following requirements: (i) not less than 0.8% of the sectional area of the structural boundary element; (ii) not smaller than 16mm in diameter and not less than 6 in number; and (iii) each vertical bar is tied with links or ties of at least 10mm diameter and vertical spacing not exceeding 200 mm. (c) Type 3 confined boundary element Type 3 confined boundary element refers to the shaded portions of the walls in Figure 9.11(b), and should be provided with vertical reinforcement satisfying the following requirements: (i) not less than 1% of the sectional area of the structural boundary element; (ii) not smaller than 16mm in diameter and not less than 6 in number; and (iii) spacing not exceeding 150mm; and (iv) each vertical bar is tied with links or ties of at least 12mm diameter and vertical spacing not exceeding 150 mm. Links and ties should be adequately anchored by means of hooks with bend not less than 135° in accordance with clause 9.5.2 (see Figure 9.5b, c, d, e & f). Where there is adequate confinement to prevent the end anchorage of the link from "kick off", hooks with bend not less than 135° may be replaced by other standard hooks given in Figure 8.2.	• The vertical bar in the confined boundary elements of walls should be tied with links or ties. • For links and ties, where there is adequate confinement to prevent the "kick off" of the hook, hooks with bend not less than 135° may be replaced by other standard hooks given in Figure 8.2.

51	Clause 9.9.3 – Figure 9.11	 **Figure 9.11 – Details of confined boundary elements**	 **Figure 9.11 – Details of confined boundary elements**	The symbols “b_c” and “h_c” are amended to “C_x” and “C_y” respectively to tally with the symbols in clause 1.5.

52	Clause 10.3.4.2(b)	When the following situation occurs, the concrete mix design, the material quality, the production method and equipment, and the procedures of concrete sampling and testing should be reviewed and no further concreting of permanent works should be allowed until a steady and satisfactory production of the mix could be restored: (iv) For concrete grade not exceeding C60, the calculated standard deviation exceeds 8 MPa for 150mm test cubes or 8.5 MPa for 100mm test cubes; or (v) For concrete grade exceeding C60, the coefficient of variation exceeds 14%.	When the following situation occurs, the concrete mix design, the material quality, the production method and equipment, and the procedures of concrete sampling and testing should be reviewed and no further concreting of permanent works should be allowed until a steady and satisfactory production of the mix could be restored: (iv) For concrete grade not exceeding C60, the calculated standard deviation exceeds 8 MPa for 150mm test cubes or 8.5 MPa for 100mm test cubes; or (v) For concrete grade exceeding C60, the coefficient of variation exceeds 14%. In case further concreting of permanent works is not allowed when either of above conditions occurs, investigation shall be carried out to find out the cause of such variation in cube strength distribution. Measures should be taken to restore a steady and satisfactory production of the concrete mix. However, in line with the investigation work, temporary resumption of concrete works can be allowed under any one of the following conditions: (vi) The average of the latest 40 cube test results exceeds the grade strength by at least 10 MPa for 150 mm test cubes or 12MPa for 100 mm test cubes and all individual test results exceeds the grade strength by at least 4 MPa for 150 mm test cubes or 5 MPa for 100 mm test cubes; or (vii) The standard deviation or coefficient of variation of the latest 40 cube test results is found to fall below the corresponding limit again with new cube test results coming up after the incident is identified showing that the variation in cube distribution has become normal again. Permanent resumption of concreting works is allowed when either the case is confirmed to be caused by individual cube test results deviating from the general trend of other data or the remedial actions corresponding to the identified root causes are conducted.	The conditions for temporary resumption of concreting works are added.
53	Clause 10.3.4.3 added		10.3.4.3 Further testing (a) When concrete is considered to be suspect from visual inspection, or when the specified grade strength has been deemed not to be attained under clause 10.3.4.2(b), the compressive strength of the concrete in the structure may be determined by drilling a sufficient number of cores from the concrete at suitable locations. (b) The core should be prepared in accordance with the requirements given in CS1. (c) Cores drilled from concrete should be prepared and tested by a recognized method to determine the compressive strength. (d) No adjustment should be made to the measured strength in respect of the age of the core when tested. (e) Criteria for acceptance (i) Concrete cores should not show evidence of segregation of individual materials. (ii) There should be no honeycombing in the cores which means interconnected voids arising from, for example, inadequate compaction or lack of mortar. (iii) For any set of cores representing a test location, the estimated in-situ cube strength of each core specimen should be at least 75% of the specified grade strength and the average estimated in-situ cube strength of the set should be at least 85% of the specified grade strength. In this respect, the estimated in-situ cube strength of each core specimen should be calculated in accordance with CS1.	The coring test requirements and corresponding acceptance criteria for further testing required under regulation 63 of the Building (Construction) Regulations are added.
54	Clause 10.3.6.1	The method of curing should be specified in detail where members are of considerable bulk or length, the cement content of the concrete is high, the surface finish is critical or special or accelerated curing methods are to be applied.	The method of curing should be specified in detail where members are of considerable bulk or length, the cementitious content of the concrete is high, the surface finish is critical or special or accelerated curing methods are to be applied.	Consequential amendments (see remarks for Clause 4.2.1 in item 7 above).
55	Clause 12.3.6.1	General The serviceability requirements for deflection are given in clause 2.2.3.2, but no numerical limits are set. For reinforced concrete, in all normal cases, deflections are controlled by limiting the ratio of span to effective depth. In general, this approach is not possible for prestressed concrete, because of the major influence of the level of prestress. When it is considered necessary to calculate deflections, the methods outlined in clause 12.3.6.2 may be used.	General The serviceability requirements for deflection are given in clause 2.2.4.2, but no numerical limits are set. For reinforced concrete, in all normal cases, deflections are controlled by limiting the ratio of span to effective depth. In general, this approach is not possible for prestressed concrete, because of the major influence of the level of prestress. When it is considered necessary to calculate deflections, the methods outlined in clause 12.3.6.2 may be used.	A typo is rectified.

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56	Clause 12.12.3.1	(b) Cover against corrosion The exposure conditions for the structural element should be assessed in accordance with 4.2.4.3 and the required nominal cover, grade and associated mix limitations obtained from table 4.2 The recommendations of clause 4.2 for concrete materials and mixes also apply to table 4.2 except that the minimum cement content should not be reduced below 300 kg/m³.	(b) Cover against corrosion The exposure conditions for the structural element should be assessed in accordance with clause 4.2.4.3 and the required nominal cover, grade and associated mix limitations obtained from Table 4.2 The recommendations of clause 4.2 for concrete materials and mixes also apply to Table 4.2 except that the minimum cementitious content should not be reduced below 300 kg/m³.	Consequential amendments (see remarks for Clause 4.2.1 in item 7 above) and textural refinements.
57	Clause 13.2	***TEST LOADS*** The total load to be carried (W) should be not less than 1.0 times the characteristic dead load plus 1.0 times the characteristic live load, and should normally be the greater of (a) the sum of the characteristic dead load and 1.25 times the characteristic imposed load or (b) 1.125 times the sum of the characteristic dead and imposed loads. In deciding on suitable figures for this, and on how to apply the test load to the structure, due allowance should be made for finishes, partitions, etc and for any load sharing that could occur in the completed structure, i.e. the level of loading should be representative and capable of reproducing the proper internal force system reasonably closely.	***TEST LOADS*** The total load to be carried (W) should be not less than 1.0 times the characteristic dead load plus 1.0 times the characteristic imposed load, and should normally be the greater of (a) the sum of the characteristic dead load and 1.25 times the characteristic imposed load or (b) 1.125 times the sum of the characteristic dead and imposed loads. In deciding on suitable figures for this, and on how to apply the test load to the structure, due allowance should be made for finishes, partitions, etc and for any load sharing that could occur in the completed structure, i.e. the level of loading should be representative and capable of reproducing the proper internal force system reasonably closely.	The term "characteristic live load" is amended to "characteristic imposed load".
58	Annex A	BS 4483:2005 Steel fabric for the reinforcement of concrete. Specification BS 4486:1980 Specification for hot rolled and hot rolled and processed high tensile alloy steel bars for the prestressing of concrete BS EN 480-4:2005 Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout. Test methods. Determination of bleeding of concrete	BS 4483:2005 Steel fabric for the reinforcement of concrete. Specification BS 4486:1980 Specification for hot rolled and hot rolled and processed high tensile alloy steel bars for the prestressing of concrete BS EN 13391:2004 Mechanical tests for post-tensioning systems ETAG 013 Post Tensioning Kits for prestressing of Structures BS EN 480-4:2005 Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout. Test methods. Determination of bleeding of concrete	The list of acceptable standards is updated to include the testing standards for post-tensioning systems.