

### **Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013**

The Buildings Department (BD) has set up a Technical Committee (TC) to, among others, collect and consider the views and feedback from the building industry arising from the use of the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (Concrete Code 2013). The current Concrete Code 2013 (2020 Edition), which was promulgated in December 2020, incorporated the amendments made and promulgated through circular letters dated 13 June 2017 and 24 November 2020. Taking into account the advice of the TC, the following amendments to the Concrete Code 2013 (2020 Edition) have been promulgated and uploaded to BD website [www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk):

- (a) Appendix A – February 2022;
- (b) Appendix B – June 2023; and
- (c) Appendix C – April 2024.

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Amendments to the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (2020 Edition) in February 2022 included:

- (a) clause 6.2.3 and Figure 6.18b – addition of design requirements for plain concrete linings;
- (b) clause 10.3.4.2 and Table 10.2 – revision of the requirements on the use of 100 mm and 150 mm concrete cubes;
- (c) clause 11.7.5.4 and Table 11.2 – addition of general guidelines on monitoring early compressive strength of insitu concrete by maturity method; and
- (d) Annex A – addition of ASTM C1074-19<sup>e1</sup> corresponding to the new clause 11.7.5.4.

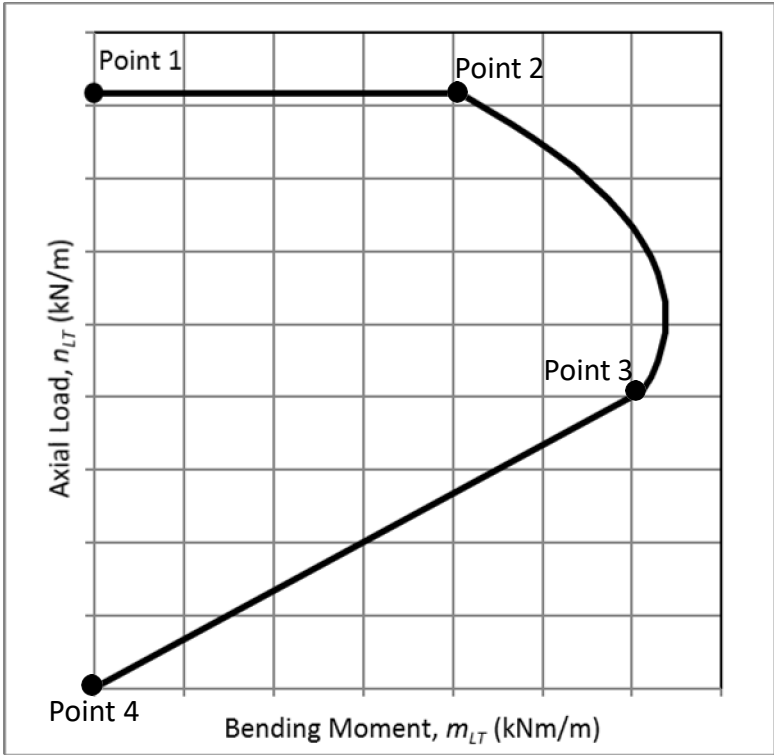
## Amendments to the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (2020 Edition)

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4. Clause 6.2.3 and Figure 6.18b	-	<b>6.2.3 Plain concrete linings</b> <b>6.2.3.1 General</b> Plain concrete is suitable for use in structural members with high axial loads and relatively low bending moments. The following criteria can generally be applied to the use of plain concrete lining in tunnels or caverns: (a) the lining curvature is adequate to accommodate axial distribution of external loads; (b) the plain concrete lining is constructed in relatively good rock geology and is always in compression under all load combinations; (c) the effect of imperfection of the concrete lining has been considered by means of rigorous structural analysis of the plain concrete lining; and

<sup>1</sup> Addition of Table 11.2 corresponding to the new clause 11.7.5.4.

<sup>2</sup> Addition of Figure 6.18b corresponding to the new clause 6.2.3.

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		<p>(d) an arch section can be formed by plain concrete in conjunction with a reinforced concrete invert provided the junction between the plain and reinforced concrete satisfies the design requirements specified in clause 6.2.3.2.</p> <p>6.2.3.2 <i>Design of plain concrete lining</i></p> <p>(a) Maximum axial load for plain concrete lining The design ultimate capacity of axial load per unit length, <math>n_{LT}</math> and design maximum ultimate bending moment per unit length, <math>m_{LT}</math> (<math>=n_{LT} e_x</math>) shall be evaluated using the interaction curve as shown in Figure 6.18b.</p> <p>(i) The first section (Point 1 to Point 2) of the interaction curve as shown in Figure 6.18b, the highest axial force, is applicable when the eccentricity of the thrust force is less than or equal to <math>0.1h</math>. The ultimate capacity is calculated using a rectangular stress block over the whole section; For <math>e_x \leq 0.1h</math> <math display="block">n_{LT} \leq 0.32h f_{cu} \quad 6.63a</math></p> <p>(ii) The second section (Point 2 to Point 3) of the interaction diagram is based on a rectangular stress block approach and is applicable for eccentricity between <math>0.1h</math> and <math>0.3h</math>. The stress block is acting over part of the section, and reduces as the eccentricity increases. For <math>0.1h &lt; e_x \leq 0.3h</math> <math display="block">n_{LT} \leq 0.4 (h - 2 e_x) f_{cu} \quad 6.63b</math> where:</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1411 220 2067 300"><math>e_x</math> is the resultant eccentricity of load at right angles to the plan of the lining.</p> <p data-bbox="1321 339 2067 531">(iii) Cracking restriction limits the use of the strength design method to a maximum eccentricity of <math>0.3h</math>. The third section (Point 3 to Point 4) of the interaction curve is a straight line down to the point <math>n_{LT} = 0</math>, <math>m_{LT} = 0</math>, as shown in Figure 6.18b.</p> <div data-bbox="1303 595 2074 1353">  </div> <p data-bbox="1339 1361 2067 1433"><b>Figure 6.18b – Interaction Curve for Design of Plain Concrete Lining</b></p>

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		<p>(b) Shear strength The design shear stress in the plain concrete lining subjected to shear and axial compression without shear reinforcement can be calculated in accordance with clause 6.1.2.5(k).</p> <p>The design shear resistance of plain concrete lining can be checked in accordance with clause 6.2.2.3(r).</p>
5. Clause 10.3.4.2(a)	<p>10.3.4.2 Concrete Cube Tests During Construction</p> <p>(a) Concrete Cubes</p> <p>The compressive strength of concrete shall be determined by testing 100 mm or 150 mm cubes 28 days after mixing. A representative sample shall be taken from fresh concrete to make test cubes and each sample shall be taken from a single batch. The rate of sampling shall be at least that specified in Table 10.1 and at least one sample shall be taken from each grade of concrete produced on any one day.</p>	<p>10.3.4.2 Concrete Cube Tests During Construction</p> <p>(a) Concrete Cubes</p> <p>The compressive strength of concrete shall be determined by testing 100 mm cubes, or 150 mm cubes if the maximum aggregate size of concrete exceeds 20 mm, 28 days after mixing. A representative sample shall be taken from fresh concrete to make test cubes and each sample shall be taken from a single batch. The rate of sampling shall be at least that specified in Table 10.1 and at least one sample shall be taken from each grade of concrete produced on any one day.</p>

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8. Clause 10.3.4.2(b) (ii)	<p data-bbox="394 1139 1173 1391">(ii) Where the calculated standard deviation of a set of 40 consecutive test results of concrete judged by compliance requirement C2 of Table 10.2 exceeds 5 MPa for 150 mm test cubes or 5.5 MPa for 100 mm test cubes, compliance requirement for checking the test results shall be changed from C2 to C1 on the 35<sup>th</sup> day after making the last pair of test cubes in the set of 40.</p>	<p data-bbox="1200 1139 2065 1353">(ii) Where the calculated standard deviation of a set of 40 consecutive test results of concrete judged by compliance requirement C2 of Table 10.2 exceeds 5.5 MPa (5 MPa for 150 mm cubes), compliance requirement for checking the test results shall be changed from C2 to C1 on the 35<sup>th</sup> day after making the last pair of test cubes in the set of 40.</p>																																																			



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10. Clause 10.3.4.2(b) (iv)	(iv) For concrete grade not exceeding C60, the calculated standard deviation exceeds 8 MPa for 150 mm test cubes or 8.5 MPa for 100 mm test cubes; or	(iv) For concrete grade not exceeding C60, the calculated standard deviation exceeds <del>8.5 MPa</del> (8 MPa for 150 mm cubes); or
11. Clause 10.3.4.2(b) (vi)	(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 12 MPa 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	(vi) The average of the latest 40 cube test results exceeds the grade strength by at least <del>12 MPa</del> (10 MPa for 150 mm cubes) and all individual test results exceeds the grade strength by at least <del>5 MPa</del> (4 MPa for 150 mm cubes); or
12. Clause 11.7.5.4 and Table 11.2	-	<p><i>11.7.5.4 Monitoring early compressive strength of insitu concrete by maturity method</i></p> <p>After concrete casting, the development of insitu concrete compressive strength at early age can be monitored by the maturity method. The maturity method can be used for estimating insitu concrete compressive strength through measurement of the temperature-time history of concrete of ages up to 14 days after casting, for the purpose of determining the concrete strength for striking of formwork and falsework<sup>1</sup> in lieu of the minimum periods specified in clause 10.3.8.2. In formulating a proposal adopting the maturity method, reference should be made to the acceptable standard in Annex A. The proposal should cover the following:</p>

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		<p>(a) choice of an appropriate maturity function and determination of maturity function constants;</p> <p>(b) apparatuses and their calibration;</p> <p>(c) procedure for developing strength-maturity relationship;</p> <p>(d) procedure for estimating insitu concrete strength;</p> <p>(e) validation of insitu concrete strength;</p> <p>(f) re-calibration and re-validation; and</p> <p>(g) quality assurance and supervision.</p> <p>The concrete mix used in the structure should be the same as that used to derive the strength-maturity relationship.</p> <p>Taking into account the different conditions between cast insitu concrete and concrete cubes under various curing temperatures in the calibration process, a correction factor as shown in Table 11.2 should be applied to the estimated insitu concrete compressive strength.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1205 995 2038 1347"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1205 995 1565 1177">Type of concrete mix</th> <th data-bbox="1565 995 1809 1177">≤ 48 hours after concrete casting</th> <th data-bbox="1809 995 2038 1177">&gt; 48 hours after concrete casting</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 1177 1565 1278">Concrete mix containing pfa or ggbs</td> <td data-bbox="1565 1177 1809 1278">0.7</td> <td data-bbox="1809 1177 2038 1278">0.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 1278 1565 1347">Other concrete mix</td> <td data-bbox="1565 1278 1809 1347">0.8</td> <td data-bbox="1809 1278 2038 1347">0.8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Table 11.2 – Correction factor applied to the estimated insitu concrete compressive strength</b></p>	Type of concrete mix	≤ 48 hours after concrete casting	> 48 hours after concrete casting	Concrete mix containing pfa or ggbs	0.7	0.8	Other concrete mix	0.8	0.8
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		<p>1 Due to the rapid rate of concrete strength development within 24 hours after concrete casting, the maturity method is not suitable for use in justifying minimum periods before striking formwork and falsework of less than 24 hours.</p>
13. Annex A <sup>3</sup>	BS EN 13263-1:2005 Silica fume for concrete. +A1:2009 Definitions, requirements and conformity criteria	<p>BS EN 13263-1:2005 Silica fume for concrete. Definitions, requirements and conformity criteria</p> <p>ASTM C1074-19<sup>e1</sup> Standard Practice for Estimating Concrete Strength by the Maturity Method</p>

<sup>3</sup> Addition of ASTM C1074-19<sup>e1</sup> corresponding to the new clause 11.7.5.4.

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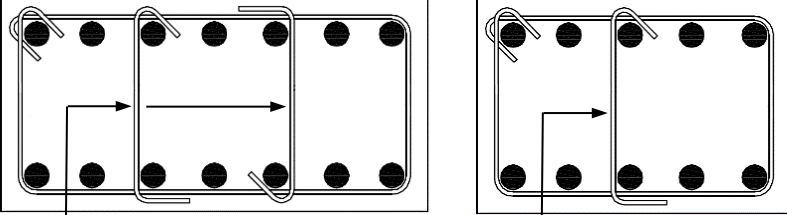
- (a) Clause 3.2.8.3 and Annex A – Addition of referenced standard ISO 15835-2 for the test method on mechanical coupler; and
- (b) Clause 9.9.1.3(b) and Figure 9.6a – Addition of alternative arrangement for links/ties for beam.

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2. Clause 3.2.8.3 <sup>1</sup>	3.2.8.3 Performance of type 1 mechanical couplers Type 1 mechanical coupler satisfying the following criteria may be used as an alternative to tension or compression laps: (a) when a representative gauge length assembly comprising reinforcement of the diameter, grade and profile to be used, and a coupler of the precise type to be used, is tested in tension the permanent elongation after loading to $0.6f_y$ should not exceed 0.1 mm; and .....	3.2.8.3 Performance of type 1 mechanical couplers Type 1 mechanical coupler satisfying the following criteria may be used as an alternative to tension or compression laps: (a) when a representative gauge length assembly comprising reinforcement of the diameter, grade and profile to be used, and a coupler of the precise type to be used, is tested in tension the permanent elongation after loading to $0.6f_y$ should not exceed 0.1 mm; and .....  <b>Reference may be made to clause 5.4, excluding sub-clause 5.4.4, of ISO 15835-2 for the test method.</b>
3. Clause 9.9.1.3(b) <sup>2</sup>	(b) Anchorage Links should be adequately anchored by means of hooks with bend not less than $135^\circ$ in accordance with clause 8.5. Anchorage by means of welded cross bars is not permitted. Where .....	(b) Anchorage Links should be adequately anchored by means of hooks with bend not less than $135^\circ$ in accordance with clause 8.5. <b>Alternatively, links/ties should be adequately anchored by means of hooks bent through an angle of not less than <math>135^\circ</math> at one end and <math>90^\circ</math> at the other end, and should be alternated end for end along the longitudinal bars (see Figure 9.6a).</b> Anchorage by means of welded cross bars is not permitted. Where .....

<sup>1</sup> Addition of referenced standard ISO 15835-2 for the test method on mechanical coupler.

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5. Annex A	<p data-bbox="403 734 582 766">AC 133:2008</p> <p data-bbox="403 885 649 917">BS EN 197-1:2011</p>	<p data-bbox="694 734 1198 837">Acceptance Criteria for Mechanical Connector Systems for Steel Reinforcing Bars</p> <p data-bbox="694 885 1198 989">Cement. Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements</p>	<p data-bbox="1243 734 1422 766">AC 133:2008</p> <p data-bbox="1243 885 1489 917">ISO 15835-2:2018</p> <p data-bbox="1243 1029 1489 1061">BS EN 197-1:2011</p>	<p data-bbox="1534 734 2083 837">Acceptance Criteria for Mechanical Connector Systems for Steel Reinforcing Bars</p> <p data-bbox="1534 885 2083 989">Steels for the reinforcement of concrete – Reinforcement couplers for mechanical splices of bars – Part 2: Test methods</p> <p data-bbox="1534 1029 2083 1101">Cement. Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements</p>

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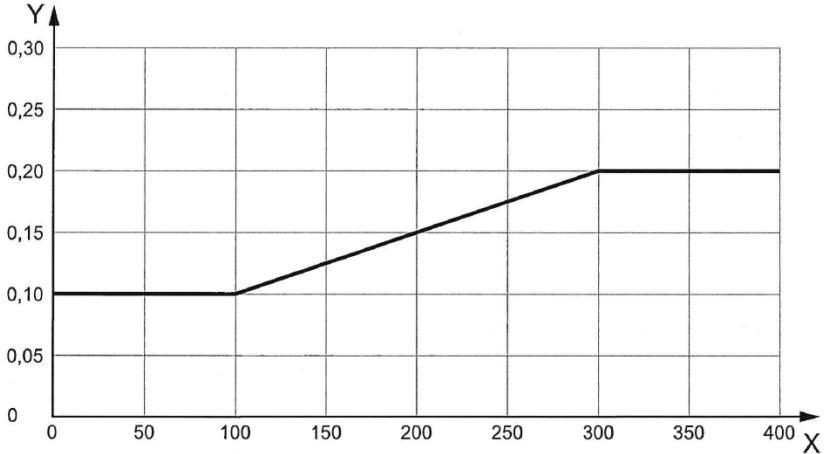
- (a) Clause 3.2.8.3 and Figure 3.9a – addition of maximum allowable permanent elongation for mechanical couplers longer than 100 mm;
- (b) Clauses 6.1.2.1, clause 6.9 and Figures 6.21 to 6.25 – addition of provisions for strut-and-tie system;
- (c) Figure 9.5(g), (h) and (i) – addition of column transverse reinforcement details;
- (d) Clause 11.7.1 – addition of mix proportion for concrete of strength not exceeding 20 N/mm<sup>2</sup> for minor structural and non-structural works and clarification of the limitation on the volume of concrete for exceptional project;
- (e) Equation 12.2 – rectification of typo in equation; and
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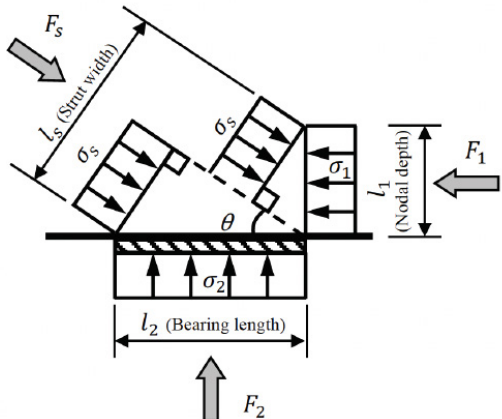
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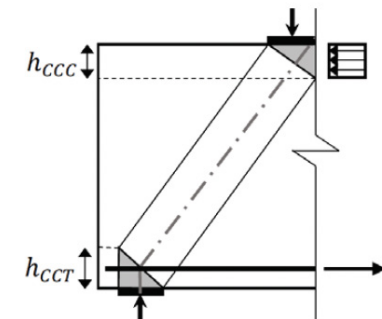
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6. Clause 3.2.8.3 <sup>1</sup>	<p>3.2.8.3 Performance of type 1 mechanical couplers</p> <p>Type 1 mechanical coupler satisfying the following criteria may be used as an alternative to tension or compression laps:</p> <p>(a) when a representative gauge length assembly comprising reinforcement of the diameter, grade and profile to be used, and a coupler of the precise type to be used, is tested in tension the permanent elongation after loading to <math>0.6f_y</math> should not exceed <math>0.1 \text{ mm}^1</math>; and .....</p>	<p>3.2.8.3 Performance of type 1 mechanical couplers</p> <p>Type 1 mechanical coupler satisfying the following criteria may be used as an alternative to tension or compression laps:</p> <p>(a) when a representative gauge length assembly comprising reinforcement of the diameter, grade and profile to be used, and a coupler of the precise type to be used, is tested in tension the permanent elongation after loading to <math>0.6f_y</math> should not exceed <math>0.1 \text{ mm}^1</math>;</p> <p>(b) For couplers longer than 100 mm, the permanent elongation greater than <math>0.1 \text{ mm}</math> may be accepted as per Figure 3.9a subject to crack width control requirements in clauses 7.2.1, 9.4.1 and 12.3.4; and</p> <p>(c) the coupler bar.....</p>

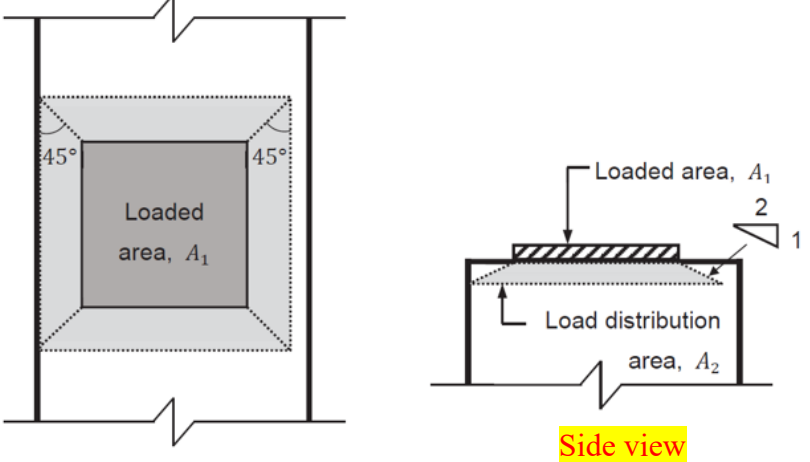
<sup>1</sup> Addition of maximum allowable permanent elongation for mechanical couplers longer than 100 mm.

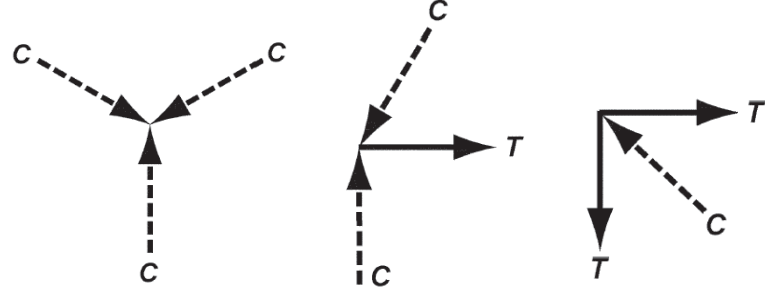
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8. Clause 6.9 <sup>2</sup>		<b>6.9 STRUT-AND-TIE SYSTEM</b> <b>6.9.1 General</b> <b>Non-flexural components, e.g. locations near supports and concentrated loads, of reinforced concrete structures can be</b>

<sup>2</sup> Additional of provisions for strut-and-tie system.

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		<p data-bbox="1339 220 2101 363">designed using strut-and-tie model. A strut-and-tie model is an idealized pin-jointed truss, comprising concrete compression struts, reinforcement tension ties, and concrete nodes.</p> <p data-bbox="1234 405 1637 437"><b>6.9.2 Modelling and analysis</b></p> <p data-bbox="1339 443 2101 587">The angle between the axis of a strut and the axis of a tie (<math>\theta</math>) shall not be less than <math>25^\circ</math> nor exceed <math>60^\circ</math>. The boundary forces and the internal forces can be determined based on the static equilibrium and the truss analysis.</p> <p data-bbox="1339 628 2101 772">The dimensions of nodes shall be determined based on the nodal condition shown in Figure 6.21 by using the static equilibrium corresponding to shear failure and plastic stress state (see Figure 6.22).</p> <div data-bbox="1265 826 2085 1246">  <div data-bbox="1787 1082 2085 1246" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <math display="block">F_s = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2}</math> <math display="block">l_s = l_1 \cos \theta + l_2 \sin \theta</math> <math display="block">\sigma_s = F_s / (l_s \times \text{breadth})</math> </div> </div> <p data-bbox="1473 1257 1861 1289"><b>Figure 6.21 – Nodal condition</b></p>

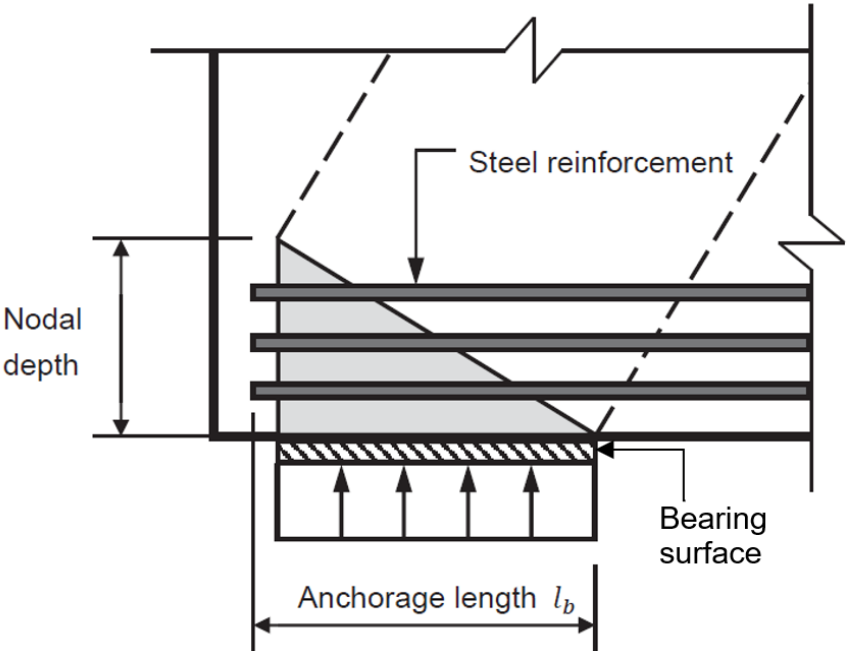
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		 <p data-bbox="1299 558 2016 598">Figure 6.22 – Static equilibrium of a strut-and-tie model</p> <p data-bbox="1232 630 1433 670">6.9.3 Design</p> <p data-bbox="1232 670 1814 710">6.9.3.1 Design compressive strength of strut</p> <p data-bbox="1332 710 2094 782">Design compressive strength of concrete in strut <math>f_{cc}</math> should be calculated from:</p> $f_{cc} = 0.32mf_{cu} \tag{6.74}$ <p data-bbox="1332 893 1433 933">where</p> <p data-bbox="1366 933 2094 965"><math>m</math> is the confinement modification factor taken as</p> $\sqrt{\frac{A_2}{A_1}} \leq 2,$ <p data-bbox="1366 1045 1646 1085"><math>A_1</math> is loaded area,</p> <p data-bbox="1366 1085 1993 1125"><math>A_2</math> is load distribution area (see Figure 6.23).</p>

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		<div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plan view</b>                      <b>Side view</b></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Figure 6.23 – Load distribution area and loaded area for determining the confinement modification factor</b></p> <p><b>6.9.3.2 Design compressive strength of nodes</b></p> <p>Design compressive strength of concrete at a nodal zone <math>f_{ce}</math> should be calculated as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;"><math>f_{ce} = 0.45m f_{cu}</math></td> <td style="width: 50%;">for node bounded by struts, bearing areas or both (C-C-C Node)</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;"><b>6.75</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>f_{ce} = 0.4m f_{cu}</math></td> <td>for node anchoring one tie (C-C-T Node)</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>6.76</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>f_{ce} = 0.32m f_{cu}</math></td> <td>for node anchoring two or more tie (C-T-T Node)</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>6.77</b></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Classification of nodes is illustrated in Figure 6.24.</b></p>	$f_{ce} = 0.45m f_{cu}$	for node bounded by struts, bearing areas or both (C-C-C Node)	<b>6.75</b>	$f_{ce} = 0.4m f_{cu}$	for node anchoring one tie (C-C-T Node)	<b>6.76</b>	$f_{ce} = 0.32m f_{cu}$	for node anchoring two or more tie (C-T-T Node)	<b>6.77</b>
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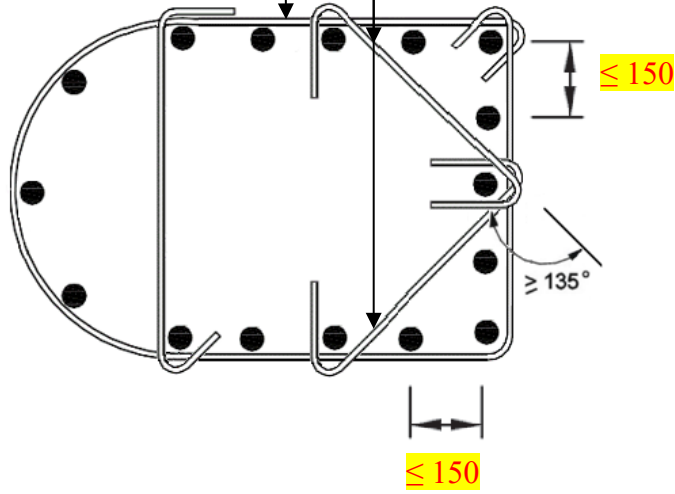


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		<p data-bbox="1339 256 1653 292"><b>(b) Arrangement of ties</b></p> <p data-bbox="1395 296 2096 437">The reinforcing bars in a tie shall be evenly distributed across the nodal depth such that the centroid axis of the reinforcing bars coincides with the axis of the tie in the strut-and-tie model.</p> <p data-bbox="1339 480 1626 515"><b>(c) Anchorage of ties</b></p> <p data-bbox="1395 520 2096 770">The reinforcing bars in a tie shall be properly anchored to transfer the tension force into the node through adequate anchorage of longitudinal reinforcement in accordance with clause 8.4. The anchorage begins at the location where the edge of strut meets the bearing surface (see Figure 6.25). For straight bars, they shall be extended beyond the node.</p>

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		 <p data-bbox="1366 949 1960 981"><b>Figure 6.25 – Anchorage of tie reinforcements</b></p> <p data-bbox="1232 1021 1646 1053"><b>6.9.3.5 Minimum reinforcement</b></p> <p data-bbox="1332 1061 2094 1173">An orthogonal grid of reinforcing bars shall be placed evenly across each face of the section. The minimum percentage of reinforcement is 0.25%.</p>

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9. Figure 9.5 <sup>3</sup>		<div data-bbox="1288 223 1668 598"> </div> <div data-bbox="1288 766 1635 1189"> </div>

<sup>3</sup> Addition of column transverse reinforcement details.

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		<p data-bbox="1243 239 1601 383">Link should be adequately anchored by means of hooks bent through an angle of not less than 135°</p> <p data-bbox="1836 263 2072 375">Link anchored by hooks with bend not less than 135°</p>  <p data-bbox="1232 837 1265 877">i)</p> <p data-bbox="1366 917 1960 949">Figure 9.5 – Column transverse reinforcement</p>
10. Clause 9.9.2.2(c) <sup>4</sup>	(c) 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 .....	(c) 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, g, h & i). Where .....
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<sup>4</sup> Addition of Figures 9.5(g), (h) and (i)

<sup>5</sup> Addition of mix proportions for concrete of strength not exceeding 20N/mm<sup>2</sup> for minor structural and non-structural works and clarification of the limitation on the volume of concrete for exceptional project.

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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Table 11.1a – Mix proportions for concrete for minor structural and non-structural works</b></p>
12. Equation 12.2 <sup>6</sup>	$f_{pb} = f_{pe} + \frac{70000\lambda_1}{l/d} \left( 1 - 0.7\lambda_2 \frac{f_{pu}A_{ps}}{f_{cu}bd} \right) \quad 12.2$	$f_{pb} = f_{pe} + \frac{7000\lambda_1}{l/d} \left( 1 - 0.7\lambda_2 \frac{f_{pu}A_{ps}}{f_{cu}bd} \right) \quad 12.2$
13. Annex A	<p>BS 8500-1:2006 Concrete. Complementary British Standard to BS EN 206-1. Method of specifying and guidance for the specifier</p> <p>BS 8500-2:2006 Concrete. Complementary British Standard to BS EN 206-1. Specification for constituent materials and concrete</p>	<p>BS 8500-1:2015 Concrete. Complementary British Standard to BS EN 206-1. Method of specifying and guidance for the specifier</p> <p>BS 8500-2:2015 Concrete. Complementary British Standard to BS EN 206-1. Specification for constituent materials and concrete</p> <p><b>BS EN 206:2013</b> <b>Concrete – Specification, performance, production and conformity</b></p>

<sup>6</sup> Rectification of typo in equation.