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# TECHNICAL GUIDANCE NOTE

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Composite steel beam design incorporating Hollow Core or solid slabs provides a structural and cost efficient solution for steel frames. It reduces total tonnage of steel beams by up to 40% and also reduces the number of components to be erected.

### Definition

Composite steel beam design is the use of Hollow Core or solid slabs together with in-situ infill in conjunction with welded studs onto steel beams. This enables the slabs and beams to act compositely together, enhancing the load capacity of the steel beams.

### Design considerations

#### 1. Shear stud capacity

$$P_{RD} = 0.8 f_u (\pi d^2 / 4) / \gamma_v$$

or

$$P_{RD} = 0.29 \alpha \beta \varepsilon d^2 \sqrt{\omega f_{cp} E_{cp}} / \gamma_v$$

Whichever is the lesser.

$\alpha$  = 0.2 (h/d+1) h = height of the stud.

$d$  = is the diameter of the shank of the stud.

$f_u$  = is the specified ultimate tensile strength of the material of the stud but not greater than 500 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

$\beta$  = a factor which takes into account the gap width  $g$  (mm) and is given as  $0.5 (g/70+1)^2 \geq 1.0$  and  $g \leq 30$ mm.

$\varepsilon$  = a factor which takes into account the diameter  $\phi$  of transverse high tensile tie steel (grade 460) and is given by  $0.5 (\phi / 20+1)^2 \geq 1.0$  and  $\phi \leq 8$ mm.

$\omega$  = transverse joint factor =  $0.5 (w / 600+1)$ ,  $w$  = width of hollow core unit.

$f_{cp}$  = average concrete cylinder strength = 0.8 x average cube strength of the in-situ and precast concrete.

$E_{cp}$  = average value of elastic modulus of the insitu and precast concrete.

$\gamma_v$  = partial safety factor for shear stud.

#### 2. Effective width of compression area

$$B_{eff} = \left[ \left( \frac{\phi}{16} \right) \left( \frac{f_y}{460} \right) \left( \frac{300}{s} \right) \left( \frac{40}{f_{cu}} \right) \right]^{-0.33} * 1000 + 2.5g$$

$\phi$  = transverse reinforcement diameter

$f_{cu}$  = concrete strength

$s$  = bar spacing

$f_y$  = reinforcement strength

$g$  = gap

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