

Chapter 13

External Problem

Design the formwork for an 8-in.-thick concrete floor slab based on the following data. Hand concrete buggies will be used to place concrete. Formwork is estimated to weight 10 lb/sq ft. Decking will be 3/4-in. class I Plyform with face grain across supports. Joists will be 2 × 12's and stringers will be 4 × 10's. All lumber will be Douglas fir (use allowable stress from Table 12-6 and 7-day load duration). Maximum deflection must be limited to 1/360 span length. Shores of 8000-lb. capacity will be used. The slab will be 40 ft wide × 50 ft long, poured at one time. Guy-wire bracing capable of caring a load of 2000 lb. each will be used on all four sides of the form, attached at slab elevation and making a 45° angle with the ground.

Solution

➤ Design Load

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Concrete} & = 1 \text{ sq ft} \times \frac{8 \text{ in}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} \times 150 \text{ lb/cu ft} & = 100 \text{ lb/sq ft} \\ \text{Form work} & & = 10 \text{ lb/sq ft} \\ \text{Live load (@ Hand concrete buggies)} & & = 75 \text{ lb/sq ft} \\ \hline \text{Design load} & & = 185 \text{ lb/sq ft} \end{array}$$

➤ Deck Design

$$w = (1 \text{ sq ft/linear ft}) \times (185 \text{ lb/sq ft}) = 185 \text{ lb/ft}$$

Properties of Decking (3/4-in Class I Plyform with face grain a cross support). (Table 12-4)

$$EI = 0.298 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{lb in}^2}{\text{ft}}, \quad F_b K S = 0.878 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{lb in}}{\text{ft}}, \quad F_s \text{lb}/Q = 0.517 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}}$$

Assume three or more span

a) Bending

$$l = 10.95 \left(\frac{F_b K S}{w} \right)^{1/2} = 10.95 \left(\frac{0.878 \times 10^3}{185} \right)^{1/2} = 23.9 \text{ in.}$$

b) Shear

$$l = 20 \frac{F_s \text{lb}/Q}{w} + 2d = 20 \frac{0.517 \times 10^3}{185} + 2 \times 0.75 = 57.4 \text{ in.}$$

c) Deflection

$$l = 1.94 \left(\frac{EI}{w} \right)^{1/3} = 1.94 \left(\frac{0.298 \times 10^6}{185} \right)^{1/3} = 19.81 \text{ in} \leftarrow$$

∴ Deflection governs in this design and the maximum allowable span is 19.81 in. Will select a 18 in (1.5 ft) joist spacing for design.

➤ Joist Design

$$w = (1.5 \text{ ft}) \times (185 \text{ lb/sq ft}) = 277.5 \text{ lb/ft}$$

Allowable stress of Douglas fir lumber (used for Joist and Stringer lumber). (Table 12-6)

$$\begin{array}{lll} F_b = 1450 \text{ psi} & F_{c\perp} = 385 \text{ psi} & F_t = 850 \text{ psi} \\ F_v = 185 \text{ psi} & F_c = 1000 \text{ psi} & E = 1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ psi} \end{array}$$

Properties section of Stringer lumber (2×12 in). (Table 11-5)

$$A = 1.5 \times 11.25 = 16.88 \text{ in}^2 \quad \& \quad I = 178 \text{ in}^4 \quad \& \quad S = 31.64 \text{ in}^3$$

Assume three or more span

a) Bending

$$l = 10.95 \left(\frac{F_b S}{w} \right)^{1/2} = 10.95 \left(\frac{1,450 \times 31.64}{277.5} \right)^{1/2} = 140.8 \text{ in.} \quad \leftarrow$$

b) Shear

$$l = 13.3 \frac{F_v A}{w} + 2d = 13.3 \frac{185 \times 16.88}{277.5} + 2 \times 11.25 = 172.17 \text{ in.}$$

c) Deflection

$$l = 1.69 \left(\frac{E I}{w} \right)^{1/3} = 1.69 \left(\frac{1.7 \times 10^6 \times 178}{277.5} \right)^{1/3} = 173.95 \text{ in}$$

∴ Thus bending governs and maximum joist span is 140.8-in. Select a stringer spacing (Joist span) of 138 in (11.5 ft).

► Stringer Design

$$w = 11.5 \text{ ft} \times 185 \text{ lb/sq ft} = 2127.5 \text{ lb/ft}$$

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Properties section of Stringer lumber (4 × 10 in). (Table 12-5)

$$A = 3.5 \times 9.25 = 32.38 \text{ in}^2 \quad \& \quad I = 230.8 \text{ in}^4 \quad \& \quad S = 49.91 \text{ in}^3$$

a) Bending

$$l = 10.95 \left(\frac{F_b S}{w} \right)^{1/2} = 10.95 \left(\frac{1,450 \times 49.91}{2127.5} \right)^{1/2} = 63.9 \text{ in.}$$

b) Shear

$$l = 13.3 \frac{F_v A}{w} + 2d = 13.3 \frac{185 \times 32.38}{2127.5} + 2 \times 9.25 = 55.9 \text{ in.}$$

c) Deflection

$$l = 1.69 \left(\frac{EI}{w} \right)^{1/3} = 1.69 \left(\frac{1.7 \times 10^6 \times 230.8}{2127.5} \right)^{1/3} = 96.2 \text{ in}$$

d) Shore strength

$$l = \frac{8000}{2127.5} \times 12 \text{ in/ft} = 45.1 \text{ in} \leftarrow$$

\therefore Thus the maximum stringer span is limited by shore strength to 45.1 in. Select a shore spacing of 42 in (3.5 ft).

➤ **Check Crushing point**

$$P = 277.5 \text{ lb/ft} \times 11.5 \text{ ft} = 3191.25 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Bearing area (A)} = 3.5 \text{ in} \times 4.75 \text{ in} = 16.625 \text{ sq. in.}$$

$$f_{c\perp} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{3191.25}{16.625} = 191.95 \text{ psi} < 385 \text{ psi} \quad \therefore \text{Ok.}$$

➤ **Check for Lateral Braces**

$$\text{Concrete} = 1 \text{ sq ft} \times \frac{8 \text{ in}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} \times 150 \text{ lb/cu ft} = 100 \text{ lb/sq ft}$$

$$\text{Form work} = 10 \text{ lb/sq ft}$$

$$\text{Design dead load (dl)} = 110 \text{ lb/sq ft}$$

$$H = 0.02 \times dl \times ws \dots\dots\dots \text{equation (12-4)}$$

– For the 40-ft face, width of slab (ws) is 50 ft.

$$H_{40} = 0.02 \times 110 \times 50 = 110 \text{ lb/lin ft} > 100 \text{ lb/lin ft} \therefore \text{Ok.}$$

\therefore in this face, we need lateral brace = $H_{40} \times 40 \text{ ft} = 4400 \text{ lb}$.

Where we have Guy-wire bracing capable of carrying a load of 2000 lb, so we need:

$$\frac{4400 \text{ lb/40-ft face}}{2000 \text{ lb/Guy-wire}} = 2.2 \approx 3 \text{ Guy-wire/40-ft face}$$

– For the 50-ft face, width of slab (ws) is 40 ft.

$$H_{50} = 0.02 \times 110 \times 40 = 88 \text{ lb/lin ft} < 100 \text{ lb/lin ft} \therefore H_{50} = 100 \text{ lb/lin ft}$$

\therefore in this face, we need lateral brace = $H_{50} \times 50 \text{ ft} = 5000 \text{ lb}$.

Where we have Guy-wire bracing capable of carrying a load of 2000 lb, so we need:

$$\frac{5000 \text{ lb/50-ft face}}{2000 \text{ lb/Guy-wire}} = 2.5 \approx 3 \text{ Guy-wire/50-ft face}$$

➤ **Final Design**

Decking: $\frac{3}{4}$ in lumber. (*Class I Plyform with face grain a cross support*).

Joists: 2×12's at 18-in spacing. (*Douglas fir lumbers*)

Stringer: 4×10's at 138-in spacing. (*Douglas fir lumbers*).

Shores: 8000-lb commercial at 42-in spacing, with 3 Guy-wire bracing on all four sides of the form, attached at slab elevation and making a 45° angle with the ground.