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## STRUCTURAL CALCULATIONS

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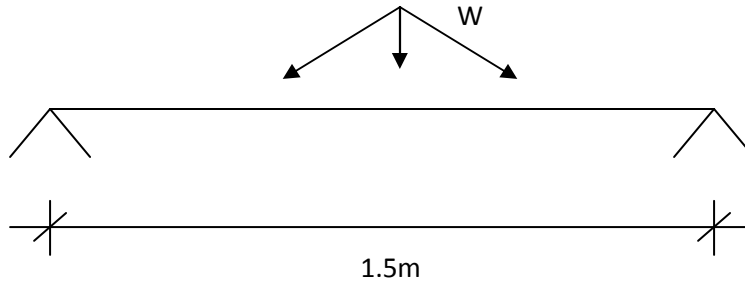
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## OPTION 1. FLOOR JOISTS AT 450 CENTRES, LESS THAN 1M OFF GROUND

### A. DESIGN FLOOR JOISTS



$$G = 0.25\text{kPa}$$

$$Q = 1.5\text{kPa}$$

Floor Joist Space = 450mm

Strength Limit State Combination Load

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 1.2G + 1.5Q \\ &= [(1.2)(0.25) + (1.5)(1.5)](0.45) \\ &= 1.15\text{kN/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$M^* = WL^2/8 = (1.15)(1.5)^2/8 = 0.32\text{kNm}$$

#### CHECK FLOOR JOIST BENDING STRENGTH

(Bending in Strength Limit State Capacity Check)

- For 120 x 45 MGP10

$$f_b = 17\text{MPa}$$

$$E = 10,000\text{Mpa}$$

$$I = bd^3/12 = (45)(120)^3/12 = 6.48 \times 10^6\text{mm}^4$$

$$Z = bd^2/6 = (45)(120)^2/6 = 108 \times 10^3\text{mm}^3$$

$$\Phi M \geq M^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi M &= \Phi k_1 k_4 k_6 k_9 k_{11} k_{12} f_b Z \\ &= (0.9)(0.94)(1)(1)(1)(1)(17)(108) \\ &= 1.55\text{kNm} > M^* (0.32\text{kNm}) \end{aligned}$$

**∴ OK**

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### CHECK FLOOR JOIST DEFLECTION

(Serviceability)

$$\begin{aligned} W &= G + 0.7Q \\ &= [(0.25) + (0.7)(1.5)](0.45) \\ &= 0.59 \text{ kN/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = 5WL^4/384EI = (5)(0.78)(1500)^4/(384)(10000)(6.48 \times 10^6) = 0.6\text{mm}$$

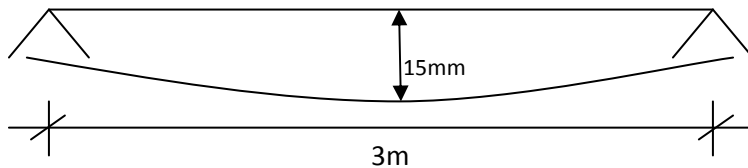
$$\text{Limit } \Delta_{\max} = L/300 = 1500/300 = 5\text{mm} \quad \Delta < \Delta_{\max} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

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### CHECK FLOOR JOIST BENDING STRENGTH AT SPAN = 3M

(Strength Limit State Check)

- To accommodate the case where a central support block settles.



$$M^* = WL^2/8 = (1.15)(3)^2/8 = 1.29\text{kNm}$$

$$\Phi M = 1.55\text{kNm} > M^* \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

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CALCULATE FLOOR JOIST DEFLECTION AT MID SPAN FOR 3M LENGTH

(Strength Limit State)

- Assume centre support block settled at 15mm

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{ult} &= 5WL^4/385EI \\ &= (5)(1.15)(3000)^4/(385)(1 \times 10^4)(6.48 \times 10^6) \\ &= 18.7\text{mm}\end{aligned}$$

∴ Floor Joist is OK if mid support block is settled < 15mm

Hence Floor Joists are strong enough to span 3m under the strength limit state and able to deflect to 18.7mm.

## B. DESIGN DECKING

### CHECK DECKING BENDING STRENGTH

(Strength Limit State)

Decking Span = 450mm

Load Width = 100mm

- For 90 x 22 Pine

$$f_b = 14\text{MPa}$$

$$E = 6900\text{Mpa}$$

$$I = bd^3/12 = (90)(22)^3/12 = 7.99 \times 10^4$$

$$Z_c = bd^2/6 = (90)(22)^2/6 = 7260$$

$$\begin{aligned}W &= 1.2G + 1.5Q \\ &= [(1.2)(0.25) + (1.5)(1.5)](0.1) \\ &= 0.26\text{kN/m}\end{aligned}$$

$$M^* = WL^2/8 = (0.26)(0.45)^2/8 = 0.006\text{kNm}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi M &= \Phi k_1 k_4 k_6 k_9 k_{11} k_{12} f_b Z \\ &= (0.9)(0.94)(14)(7260) \\ &= 0.086\text{kNm} > M^* (0.006\text{kNm})\end{aligned} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

### CHECK DECKING DEFLECTION

(Serviceability)

$$\begin{aligned}W &= G + 0.7Q \\ &= [(0.25) + (0.7)(1.5)](0.1) \\ &= 0.13 \text{ kN/m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = 5WL^4/384EI = (5)(0.13)(450)^4/(384)(6900)(7.99 \times 10^4) = 0.13\text{mm}$$

$$\text{Limit } \Delta_{\max} = L/300 = 450/300 = 1.5\text{mm} \quad \Delta < \Delta_{\max} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

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CHECK DECKING MAX DEFLECTION IF MID SUPPORT BLOCK SETTLED

(Strength Limit State)

$$\Phi M = 0.086 \text{ kNm}$$

$$W = 8\Phi M/L^2 = (8)(0.086)/1.2^2 = 0.48 \text{ kN/m}$$

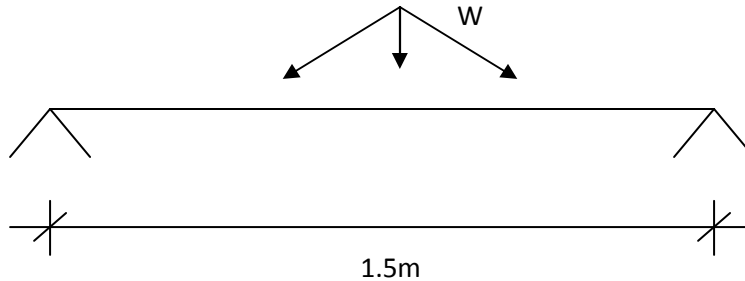
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\text{able}} &= 5WL^4/384EI = (5)(0.48)(1200)^4/(384)(6900)(7.99 \times 10^4) \\ &= 23.5 \text{ mm} < 15 \text{ mm } \Delta_{\text{allow}}\end{aligned}$$

∴ Decking is OK if mid support is settled < 15mm

Hence under the strength limit state, deckings are strong enough to span 900mm at 23.5mm deflection.

## OPTION 2. FLOOR JOISTS AT 600 CENTRES, LESS THAN 1M OFF GROUND

### A. DESIGN FLOOR JOISTS



$$G = 0.25\text{kPa}$$

$$Q = 1.5\text{kPa}$$

Floor Joist Space = 600mm

Strength Limit State Combination Load

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 1.2G + 1.5Q \\ &= [(1.2)(0.25) + (1.5)(1.5)](0.6) \\ &= 1.53\text{kN/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$M^* = WL^2/8 = (1.53)(1.5)^2/8 = 0.43\text{kNm}$$

#### CHECK FLOOR JOIST BENDING STRENGTH

(Bending in Strength Limit State Capacity Check)

- For 140 x 45 MGP10

$$f_b = 17\text{MPa}$$

$$E = 10,000\text{Mpa}$$

$$I = bd^3/12 = (45)(140)^3/12 = 10.29 \times 10^6\text{mm}^4$$

$$Z = bd^2/6 = (45)(140)^2/6 = 147 \times 10^3\text{mm}^3$$

$$\Phi M \geq M^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi M &= \Phi k_1 k_4 k_6 k_9 k_{11} k_{12} f_b Z \\ &= (0.9)(0.94)(1)(1)(1)(1)(1)(17)(147) \\ &= 2.11\text{kNm} > M^* (0.43\text{kNm}) \end{aligned}$$

**∴ OK**



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### CHECK FLOOR JOIST DEFLECTION

(Serviceability)

$$\begin{aligned} W &= G + 0.7Q \\ &= [(0.25) + (0.7)(1.5)](0.6) \\ &= 0.78 \text{ kN/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = 5WL^4/384EI = (5)(0.78)(1500)^4/(384)(10000)(10.29 \times 10^6) = 0.5\text{mm}$$

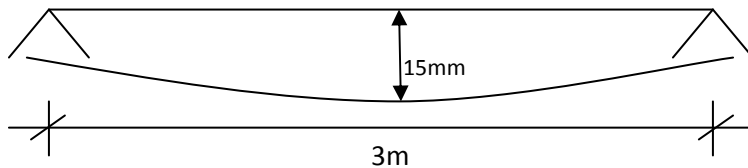
$$\text{Limit } \Delta_{\max} = L/300 = 1500/300 = 5\text{mm} \quad \Delta < \Delta_{\max} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

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### CHECK FLOOR JOIST BENDING STRENGTH AT SPAN = 3M

(Strength Limit State Check)

- To accommodate the case where a central support block settles.



$$M^* = WL^2/8 = (1.53)(3)^2/8 = 1.72\text{kNm}$$

$$\Phi M = 2.11\text{kNm} > M^* \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

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CALCULATE FLOOR JOIST DEFLECTION AT MID SPAN FOR 3M LENGTH

(Strength Limit State)

- Assume centre support block settled at 15mm

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{ult} &= 5WL^4/385EI \\ &= (5)(1.53)(3000)^4/(385)(1 \times 10^4)(10.29 \times 10^6) \\ &= 15.6\text{mm}\end{aligned}$$

∴ Floor Joist is OK if mid support block is settled < 15mm

Hence Floor Joists are strong enough to support 3m span under the strength limit state and able to deflect to 15.7mm.

## B. DESIGN DECKING

### CHECK DECKING BENDING STRENGTH

(Strength Limit State)

Decking Span = 600mm

Load Width = 100mm

- For 90 x 35 Pine

$$f_b = 14 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E = 6900 \text{ Mpa}$$

$$I = bd^3/12 = (90)(35)^3/12 = 32.1 \times 10^4$$

$$Z_c = bd^2/6 = (90)(35)^2/6 = 18375$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 1.2G + 1.5Q \\ &= [(1.2)(0.25) + (1.5)(1.5)](0.1) \\ &= 0.26 \text{ kN/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$M^* = WL^2/8 = (0.26)(0.6)^2/8 = 0.011 \text{ kNm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi M &= \Phi k_1 k_4 k_6 k_9 k_{11} k_{12} f_b Z \\ &= (0.9)(0.94)(14)(7260) \\ &= 0.23 \text{ kNm} > M^* (0.011 \text{ kNm}) \end{aligned} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

### CHECK DECKING DEFLECTION

(Serviceability)

$$\begin{aligned} W &= G + 0.7Q \\ &= [(0.25) + (0.7)(1.5)](0.1) \\ &= 0.13 \text{ kN/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = 5WL^4/384EI = (5)(0.13)(600)^4/(384)(6900)(32.1 \times 10^4) = 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Limit } \Delta_{\max} = L/300 = 600/300 = 2 \text{ mm} \quad \Delta < \Delta_{\max} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

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CHECK DECKING MAX DEFLECTION IF MID SUPPORT BLOCK SETTLED

(Strength Limit State)

$$\Phi M = 0.23 \text{ kNm}$$

$$W = 8\Phi M/L^2 = (8)(0.23)/1.2^2 = 1.28 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{able}} = 5WL^4/384EI = (5)(1.28)(1.2)^4/(384)(6900)(32.1 \times 10^4) = 15.6 \text{ mm} < 15 \text{ mm } \Delta_{\text{allow}}$$

∴ Decking is OK if mid support is settled < 15mm

Hence under the strength limit state, deckings are strong enough to span 1200mm at

15.6 deflection.