

# Slender Wall Design

## Alternative Design Method (ACI 318-05, 14.8)

Design of the wall shown is required. The wall is restrained at the top edge, and the roof load is supported through 4 in. tee stems spaced at 4 ft on center.

### Design Data

#### Loads:

Roof dead load  $q_D := 60\text{psf}$

Roof live load  $q_L := 30\text{psf}$

Wind  $q_W := 20\text{psf}$

#### Steel

$f_y := 60\text{ksi}$   $E_s := 29000\text{ksi}$

$\rho_{\min h} := 0.0020$   $\rho_{\min v} := 0.0012$

#### Concrete

$f'_c := 4\text{ksi}$   $w_c := 150 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}$

$E_c := 57000 \cdot \sqrt{f'_c \cdot \frac{1}{\text{psi}}} \cdot \text{psi}$   $E_c = 3605 \text{ ksi}$

$\beta_1 := \text{if} \left[ f'_c \leq 4000\text{psi}, 0.85, \max \left[ 0.65, 0.85 - 0.05 \cdot \frac{(f'_c - 4000\text{psi})}{1000\text{psi}} \right] \right]$   $\beta_1 = 0.85$

#### Geometry

Wall height  $l_c := 16\text{ft}$

Stem width  $w := 4\text{in}$

Parapet length  $l_p := 2\text{ft}$

Tee beam spacing  $s := 4\text{ft}$

Roof load eccentricity  $e := 6.75\text{in}$

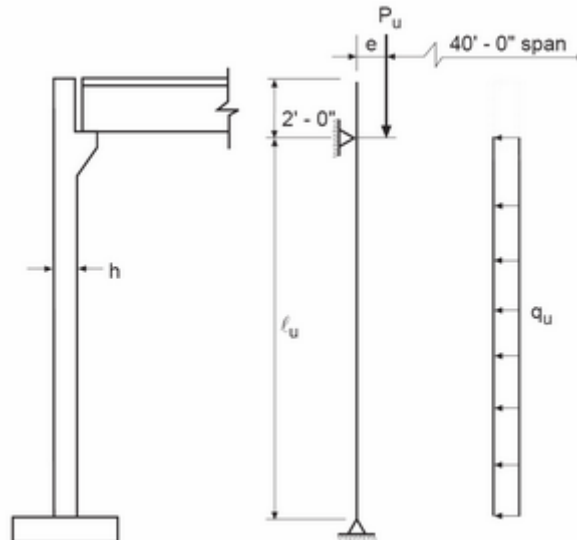
Roof span  $l_r := 40\text{ft}$

Effective length factor  $k := 1.0$

Wall thickness  $h := 6.50\text{in}$

Slenderness  $\frac{k \cdot l_c}{0.3 \cdot h} = 98.462$

Reinforcement location  $d := 0.5 \cdot h$   $d = 3.25 \text{ in}$



$\phi := 0.9$

$f_r := 7.5 \cdot \sqrt{f'_c \cdot \frac{1}{\text{psi}}} \cdot \text{psi}$   $f_r = 474.341 \text{ psi}$

## Calculations

### 1. Trial wall section

Minimum reinforcement area	$A_{sminv} := \rho_{minv} \cdot h$	$A_{sminv} = 0.094 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}}$
Trial area of vertical reinforcement	$A_s := 0.175 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}}$	

### 2. Effective wall length for roof reaction

$l_{eff} := \min(w + 4 \cdot h, s)$	$l_{eff} = 2.5 \text{ ft}$
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### 3. Roof loading per foot width of wall

Roof dead load	$P_{D1} := q_D \frac{s}{l_{eff}} \cdot \frac{l_r}{2}$	$P_{D1} = 1920 \text{ plf}$
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Wall dead load at midheight	$P_{D2} := h \cdot \left( l_p + \frac{l_c}{2} \right) \cdot w_c$	$P_{D2} = 812.5 \text{ plf}$
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Roof live load	$P_L := q_L \frac{s}{l_{eff}} \cdot \frac{l_r}{2}$	$P_L = 960 \text{ plf}$
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### 4. Factored load combinations (1.2D + 0.5Lr + 1.6W)

Factored axial load at mid-height	$P_u := b \cdot [1.2 \cdot (P_{D1} + P_{D2}) + 0.5 \cdot P_L]$	$P_u = 3.759 \text{ kips}$
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Factored axial load at mid-height

Moment (not-magnified) at mid-height

$M_{ua} := b \cdot \left( 1.2 \cdot P_{D1} \cdot \frac{e}{2} + 0.5 \cdot P_L \cdot \frac{e}{2} + 1.6 \cdot \frac{q_W \cdot l_c^2}{8} \right)$
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$M_{ua} = 21.684 \text{ in} \cdot \text{kips}$
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### 5. Check axial stress at mid-height

Gross area of concrete	$A_g := b \cdot h$	$A_g = 78 \text{ in}^2$
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Gross area of concrete

$0.06f_c = 240 \text{ psi}$
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Allowable axial stress

$\frac{P_u}{A_g} = 48.192 \text{ psi}$
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Axial stress check

$\text{if} \left( \frac{P_u}{A_g} \leq 0.06 \cdot f_c, \text{"OK"}, \text{"NG"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$
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6. Panel properties

Gross moment of inertia

$$I_g := \frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} \quad I_g = 274.625 \text{ in}^4$$

Depth of equivalent concrete stress block

$$a := \frac{\frac{P_u}{\phi} + A_s \cdot b \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f'_c \cdot b} \quad a = 0.36 \text{ in}$$

Neutral axis depth

$$c := \frac{a}{\beta_1} \quad c = 0.423 \text{ in}$$

Net tensile steel strain  
(Check if section is tension-controlled)

$$\varepsilon_t := \frac{0.003}{c} \cdot (d - c) \quad \varepsilon_t = 0.02$$

$$\text{if}(\varepsilon_t > 0.005, \text{"OK"}, \text{"NG"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Cracked moment of inertia

$$I_{cr} := \frac{b \cdot (c)^3}{3} + \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot \left( A_s \cdot b + \frac{P_u}{f_y} \right) \cdot (d - c)^2$$

$$\frac{I_{cr}}{I_g} = 0.057 \quad I_{cr} = 15.58 \text{ in}^4$$

Cracking moment

$$M_{cr} := \frac{f_r \cdot I_g}{\frac{h}{2}} \quad M_{cr} = 40.082 \text{ in} \cdot \text{kips}$$

Moment capacity

$$M_n := f_y \cdot \left( A_s \cdot b + \frac{P_u}{\phi \cdot f_y} \right) \cdot \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

$$M_n = 45.059 \text{ in} \cdot \text{kips} \quad \phi \cdot M_n = 40.553 \text{ in} \cdot \text{kips}$$

$$\text{if}(\phi \cdot M_n \geq M_{cr}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"NG"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

7. Check design strength vs. required strength

Magnified moment

$$M_u := \frac{M_{ua}}{1 - \frac{5P_u \cdot l_c^2}{0.75 \cdot 48 \cdot E_c \cdot I_{cr}}} \quad M_u = 32.988 \text{ in} \cdot \text{kips}$$

Ultimate load deflections

$$\frac{M_u}{\phi \cdot M_n} = 0.813 \quad \text{if} \left( \frac{M_u}{\phi \cdot M_n} \leq 1, \text{"OK"}, \text{"NG"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

$$\Delta_u := \frac{5M_u \cdot l_c^2}{0.75 \cdot 48 \cdot E_c \cdot I_{cr}} \quad \Delta_u = 3.007 \text{ in}$$

Double-check magnified moments  
(Should be equal to  $M_{ui}$ )

$$M_{ua} + P_u \cdot \Delta_u = 32.988 \text{ in} \cdot \text{kips}$$

8. Check service load deflections  
(1.0\*D + 1.0\*Lr + 1.0W)  
(For seismic divide by 1.4 to reduce  
to service level)

Service load (not magnified) moment  $M_{sa} := b \cdot \left( 1.0 \cdot P_{D1} \cdot \frac{e}{2} + 1.0 \cdot P_L \cdot \frac{e}{2} + 1.0 \cdot \frac{q_W \cdot l_c^2}{8} \right)$

$$M_{sa} = 17.4 \text{ in-kips}$$

Service load axial load

$$P_s := b \cdot [1.0 \cdot (P_{D1} + P_{D2}) + 1.0 \cdot P_L] \quad P_s = 3.693 \text{ kips}$$

Allowable service load displacement

$$\Delta_{s,allowable} := \frac{l_c}{150} \quad \Delta_{s,allowable} = 1.28 \text{ in}$$

Find magnified moment and effective  
moment of inertia

$$\delta := 1 \quad \eta := 1$$

Let the service magnified moment

$$M_s = \delta M_{sa}$$

where

$$\delta = \max \left[ 1, \frac{1}{1 - \frac{5 \cdot P_s \cdot l_c^2}{48 E_c \cdot (\eta \cdot I_g)}} \right]$$

Let the effective moment of inertia

$$I_e = \eta I_g$$

where

$$\eta = \min \left[ 1, \left( \frac{M_{cr}}{\delta \cdot M_{sa}} \right)^3 + \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{M_{cr}}{\delta \cdot M_{sa}} \right)^3 \right] \cdot \frac{I_{cr}}{I_g} \right]$$

Solve for  $\delta$  and  $\eta$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta \\ \eta \end{pmatrix} := \text{Find}(\delta, \eta)$$

$$\delta = 1.015 \quad \eta = 1.000$$

Magnified service moment

$$M_s := \delta \cdot M_{sa} \quad M_s = 17.653 \text{ in-kips}$$

Effective moment of inertia

$$I_e := \eta \cdot I_g \quad I_e = 274.625 \text{ in}^4$$

Service load displacement

$$\Delta_s := \frac{5 M_s \cdot l_c^2}{48 \cdot E_c \cdot I_e} \quad \Delta_s = 0.068 \text{ in}$$

Service load displacement check

$$\frac{\Delta_s}{\Delta_{s,allowable}} = 0.053$$

$$\text{if}(\Delta_s \leq \Delta_{s,allowable}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"NG"}) = \text{"OK"}$$