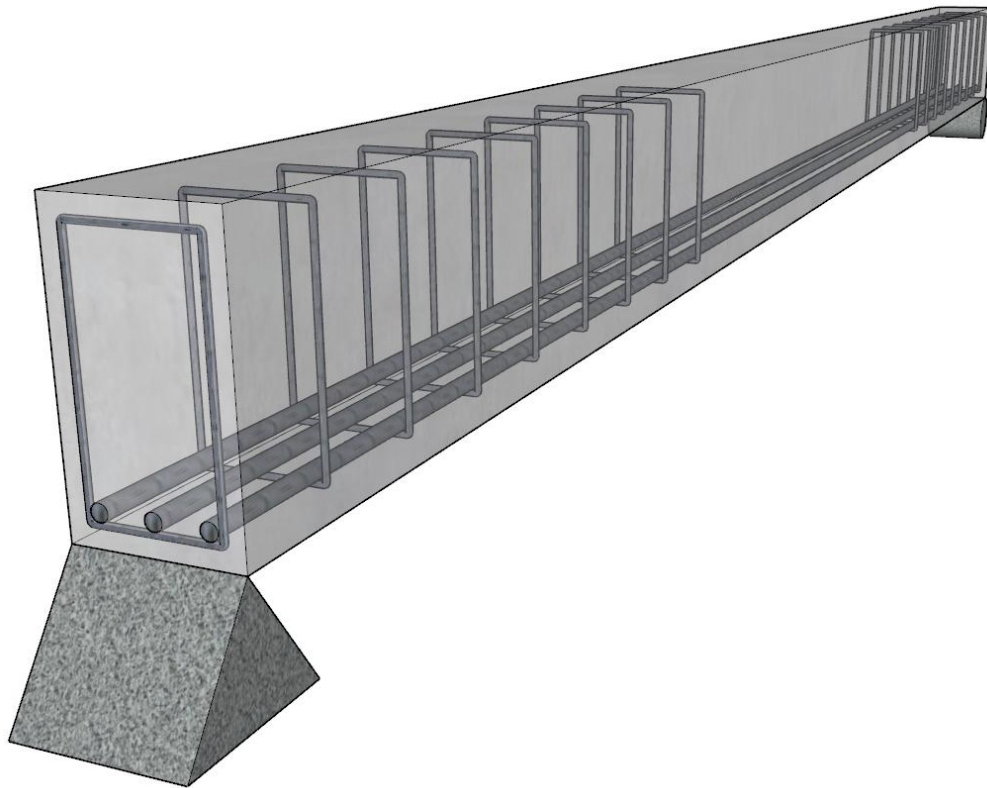
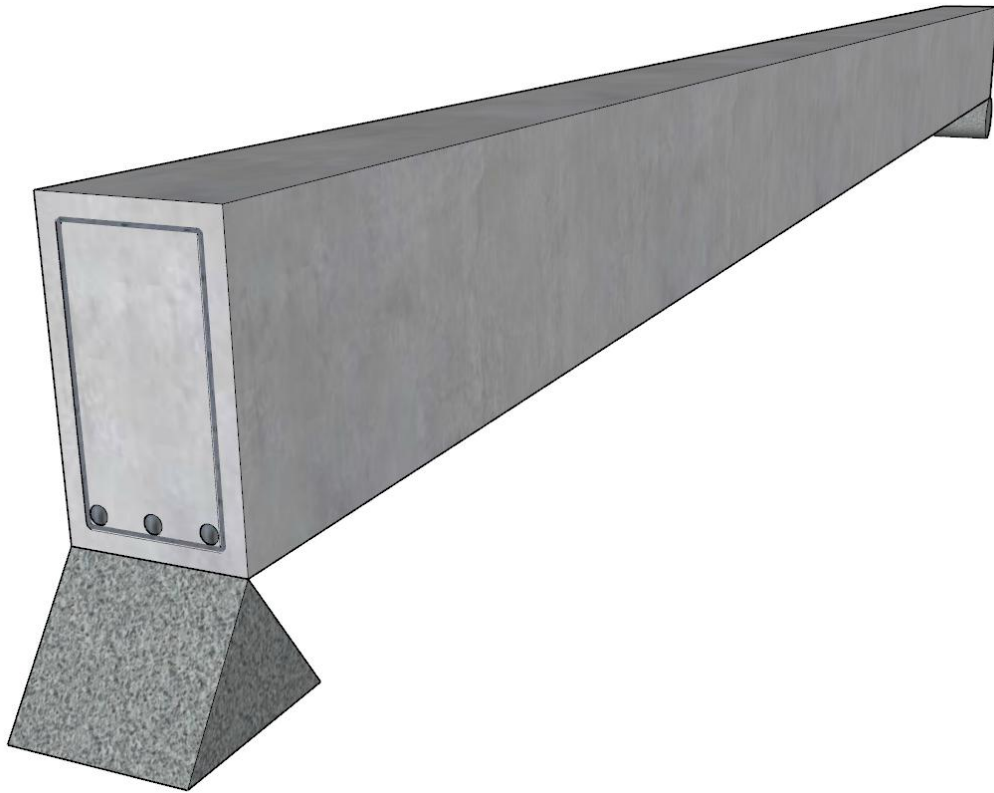


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Simply supported beams consist of one span with one support at each end, one is a pinned support and the other is a roller support. The ends of these beams are free to rotate and have no moment resistance. There are numerous typical and practical applications of simply supported beams in buildings, bridges, industrial and special structures.

This example will demonstrate the analysis and design of the rectangular simply supported reinforced concrete beam shown below. Steps of the structural analysis, flexural design, shear design, and deflection checks will be presented. The results of hand calculations are then compared with the reference results and numerical analysis results obtained from the [spBeam](#) engineering software program by [StructurePoint](#).

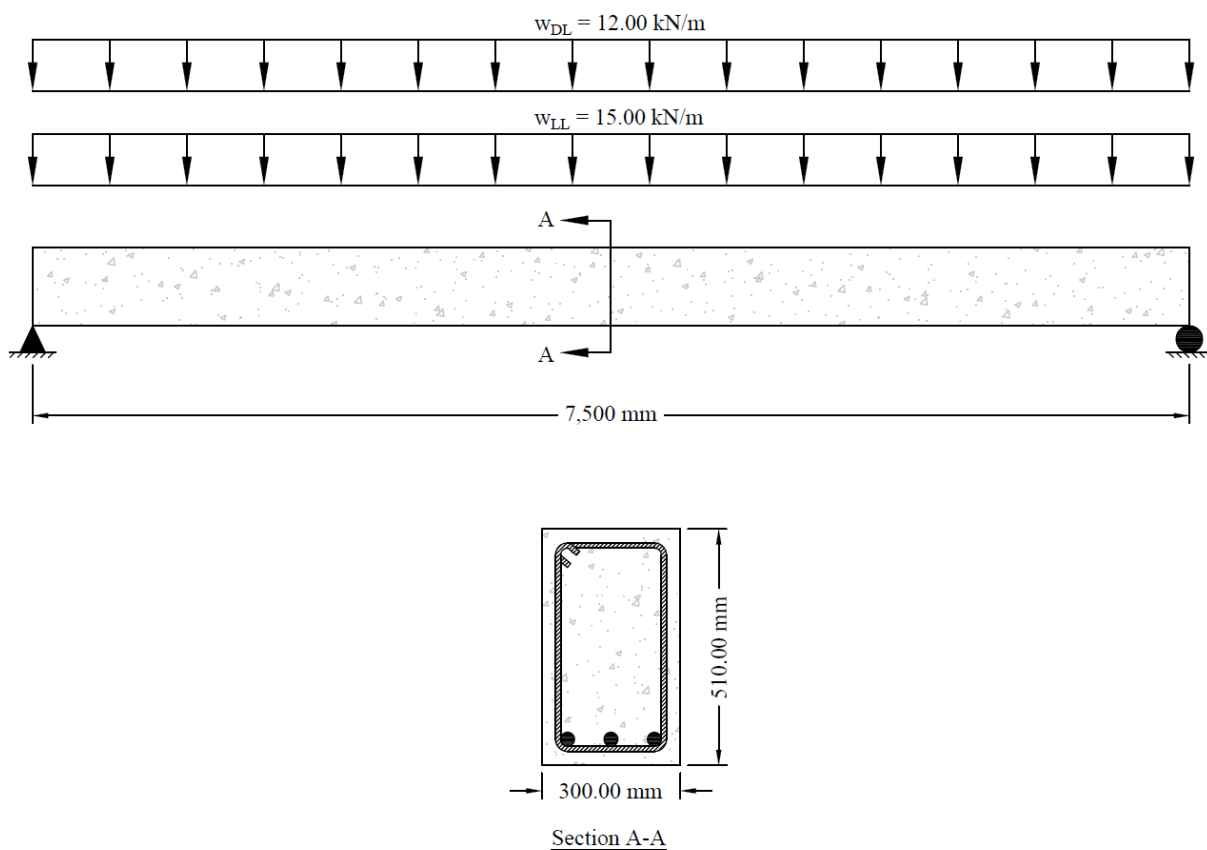


Figure 1 – Rectangular Simply Supported Reinforced Concrete Beam

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Design of Concrete Structures (CSA A23.3-14) and Explanatory Notes on CSA Group standard A23.3-14 “Design of Concrete Structures”

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- [spBeam Engineering Software Program Manual v10.00](#), [STRUCTUREPOINT](#), 2024
- Contact Support@StructurePoint.org to obtain supplementary materials ([spBeam](#) model: DE-Simply-Supported-CSA-14.slbx)

Design Data

$f'_c = 30$ MPa normal weight concrete ($w_c = 24.00$ kN/m³)

$f_y = 400$ MPa

Uniform Dead Loads, $DL = 12.00$ kN/m (Reference neglected self-weight)

Uniform Live Loads, $LL = 15.00$ kN/m

Beam Span Length, $L = 7.50$ m

Use No. 30M bars for longitudinal reinforcement ($A_s = 700.00$ mm², $d_b = 29.90$ mm)

Use No. 10M bars for stirrups ($A_s = 100.00$ mm², $d_b = 11.30$ mm)

Clear cover = 30.00 mm

CSA A23.3-14 (Table 17)

a_{max} = maximum aggregate size = 20.00 mm

Solution

1. Preliminary Member Sizing

Check the minimum beam depth requirement of CSA A23.3-14 (9.8.2.1) to waive deflection computations.

Using the minimum depth for non-prestressed beams in Table 9.2.

$$h_{\min} = \frac{l_n}{16} = \frac{7,500.00}{16} = 468.75 \text{ mm (For simply supported beams)} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Table 9.2)}$$

Therefore, since $h_{\min} = 468.75 \text{ mm} < h = 510.00 \text{ mm}$ the preliminary beam depth satisfies the minimum depth requirement, and the beam deflection computations are not required.

In absence of initial dimensions, the width of the rectangular section (b) may be chosen in the following range recommended by the reference:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \times h = 255.00 \text{ mm} \right) \leq b = 300.00 \text{ mm} \leq \left(\frac{2}{3} \times h = 340.00 \text{ mm} \right) \quad o.k.$$

2. Load and Load Combination

For the factored Load

$$w_f = 1.25 \times DL + 1.50 \times LL \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Annex C, Table C.1a)}$$

$$w_f = 1.25 \times 12.00 + 1.50 \times 15.00 = 37.50 \text{ kN/m}$$

Note that the beam self-weight is neglected for comparison purposes. The effect of self-weight will be investigated later in this document.

3. Structural Analysis

Simply supported beams can be analyzed by calculating shear and moment diagrams or using Design Aid tables as shown below:

Shear and Moment Diagrams:

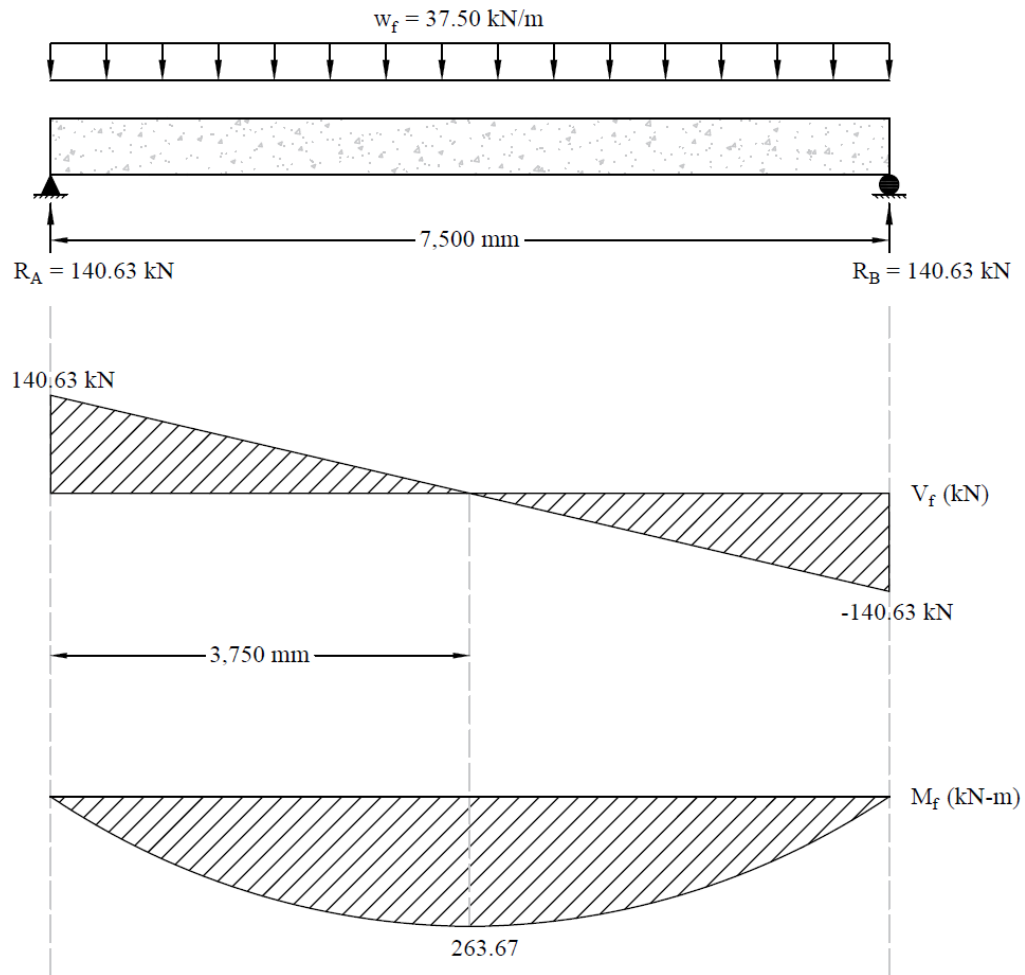


Figure 2 – Shear and Bending Moment Diagrams

Using Design Aid Tables:

$$V_f = R_A = R_B = \frac{w_f \times L}{2} = \frac{37.50 \times 7.50}{2} = 140.63 \text{ kN}$$

$$M_f = \frac{w_f \times L^2}{8} = \frac{37.50 \times 7.50^2}{8} = 263.67 \text{ kN-m}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} R = V & \dots\dots\dots = \frac{w\ell}{2} \\ V_x & \dots\dots\dots = w\left(\frac{\ell}{2} - x\right) \\ M_{max} \text{ (at center)} & \dots\dots\dots = \frac{w\ell^2}{8} \\ M_x & \dots\dots\dots = \frac{wx}{2}(\ell - x) \\ \Delta_{max} \text{ (at center)} & \dots\dots\dots = \frac{5w\ell^4}{384EI} \\ \Delta_x & \dots\dots\dots = \frac{wx}{24EI}(\ell^3 - 2\ell x^2 + x^3) \end{aligned}$$

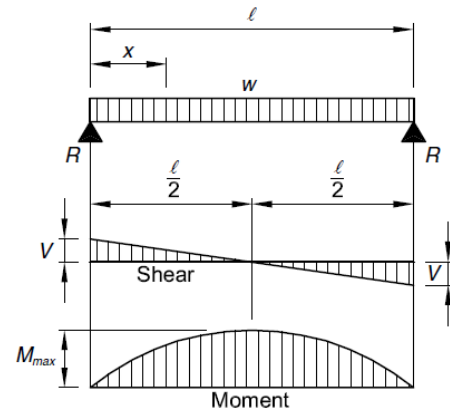


Figure 3 – Design Aid Tables (Beam Design Equations and Diagrams) – PCI Design Handbook

4. Flexural Design

4.1. Required and Provided Reinforcement

For this beam, the moment at the midspan governs the design as shown in the [previous Figure](#).

$$M_f = 263.67 \text{ kN-m}$$

Use 30M bars with 30 mm concrete cover per CSA A23.3-14 (Table 17). The distance from extreme compression fiber to the centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement, d , is calculated below:

$$\begin{aligned} d &= h - \left(\text{clear cover} + d_{b, \text{stirrups}} + \frac{d_{\text{Longitudinal bar}}}{2} \right) \\ d &= 510.00 - \left(30.00 + 11.30 + \frac{29.90}{2} \right) = 453.75 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

In this example, jd is assumed equal to $0.838 \times d$. The assumption will be verified once the area of steel is finalized.

$$jd = 0.838 \times d = 0.838 \times 453.75 = 380.10 \text{ mm}$$

$$b = 300.00 \text{ mm}$$

The required reinforcement at initial trial is calculated as follows:

$$A_s = \frac{M_f}{\phi_s \times f_y \times jd} = \frac{263.67 \times 10^6}{0.85 \times 400 \times 380.10} = 2,040.28 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\alpha_1 = 0.85 - 0.0015 \times f'_c = 0.85 - 0.0015 \times 30 = 0.805 > 0.67 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.1.7)}$$

$$\beta_1 = 0.97 - 0.0025 \times f'_c = 0.97 - 0.0025 \times 30 = 0.895 > 0.67 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.1.7)}$$

$$\text{Recalculate 'a' for the actual } A_s = 2,040.28 \text{ mm}^2: a = \frac{\phi_s \times A_s \times f_y}{\phi_c \times \alpha_1 \times f'_c \times b} = \frac{0.85 \times 2,040.28 \times 400}{0.65 \times 0.805 \times 30 \times 300.00} = 147.30 \text{ mm}$$

$$c = \frac{a}{\beta_1} = \frac{147.30}{0.895} = 164.59 \text{ mm}$$

The tension reinforcement in flexural members shall not be assumed to reach yield unless:

$$\frac{c}{d} \leq \frac{700}{700 + f_y} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.5.2)}$$

$$\frac{164.59}{453.75} = 0.363 \leq 0.636$$

$$j = \frac{d - \frac{a}{2}}{d} = 0.838$$

Therefore, the assumption that tension reinforcements will yield and jd equals to $0.838 \times d$ is valid.

The minimum reinforcement shall not be less than

$$A_{s,\min} = \frac{0.2 \times \sqrt{f'_c}}{f_y} \times b_t \times h = \frac{0.2 \times \sqrt{30}}{400} \times 300.00 \times 510.00 = 419.01 \text{ mm}^2 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.5.1.2)}$$

Where b_t is the width of the tension zone of the section considered. For T-beams with the flange in tension, b_t need not exceed $1.5b_w$ for beams with a flange on one side of the web or $2.5b_w$ for beams with a flange on both sides of the web. CSA A23.3-14 (10.5.1.2)

$$A_{s,\text{req}} = \max \left\{ \begin{matrix} A_s \\ A_{s,\min} \end{matrix} \right\} = \max \left\{ \begin{matrix} 2,040.28 \\ 419.01 \end{matrix} \right\} = 2,040.28 \text{ mm}^2$$

Provide 3 – 30M bars:

$$A_{s,\text{prov}} = 3 \times 700.00 = 2,100.00 \text{ mm}^2 > A_{s,\text{req}} = 2,040.28 \text{ mm}^2$$

Recalculate 'a' for the actual $A_{s,\text{prov}} = 2,100.00 \text{ mm}^2$:

$$a = \frac{\phi_s \times A_{s,\text{prov}} \times f_y}{\phi_c \times \alpha_1 \times f'_c \times b} = \frac{0.85 \times 2,100.00 \times 400}{0.65 \times 0.805 \times 30 \times 300.00} = 151.62 \text{ mm}$$

$$M_r = \phi_s \times f_y \times A_{s,\text{prov}} \times \left(d - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

$$M_r = 0.85 \times 400 \times 2,100.00 \times \left(453.75 - \frac{151.62}{2} \right) = 269.85 \text{ kN-m} > M_f = 263.67 \text{ kN-m}$$

4.2. Minimum Requirements and Detailing Provisions

4.2.1. Spacing of Longitudinal Reinforcement

Check if $s_{provided}$ is greater than the minimum clear spacing (s_{min}):

$$s_{min} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.4 \times d_b \\ 1.4 \times a_{max} \\ 30.00 \text{ mm} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Annex A 6.6.5.2)}$$

Where a_{max} is the maximum aggregate size and is given for this example ($a_{max} = 20.00$ mm).

$$s_{min} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.4 \times 29.90 \\ 1.4 \times 20.00 \\ 30.00 \end{array} \right\} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 41.86 \\ 28.00 \\ 30.00 \end{array} \right\} = 41.86 \text{ mm}$$

$$s_{provided} = \frac{(b - 2 \times \text{clear cover} - 2 \times d_{stirrup} - n \times d_{bar})}{n - 1}$$

$$s_{provided} = \frac{(300.00 - 2 \times 30.00 - 2 \times 11.30 - 3 \times 29.90)}{3 - 1} = 63.85 \text{ mm} > s_{min} = 41.86 \text{ mm} \quad o.k.$$

4.2.2. Skin Reinforcement

$$h = 510.00 \text{ mm} < 750.00 \text{ mm} \quad \text{skin reinforcement is not required} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.6.2)}$$

4.2.3. Flexural Cracking Control

Check the requirement for distribution of flexural reinforcement to control flexural cracking:

$$z = f_s \times (d_c \times A)^{1/3} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.6.1)}$$

$$\text{Use } f_s = 0.6 \times f_y = 240 \text{ MPa} \quad \text{CAC Concrete Design Handbook – 4th Edition (2.3.2)}$$

$$A = \frac{2 \times X \times b}{n} = \frac{2 \times 56.25 \times 300.00}{3} = 11,250.00 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$X = d_c = 30.00 + 11.30 + \frac{29.90}{2} = 56.25 \text{ mm}$$

$$z = 240 \times (56.25 \times 11,250.00)^{1/3} = 20,604.86 \text{ N/mm} < 30,000.00 \text{ N/mm} \quad o.k.$$

5. Shear Design

From the [following Figure](#), the shear value in end span at face of the interior support governs.

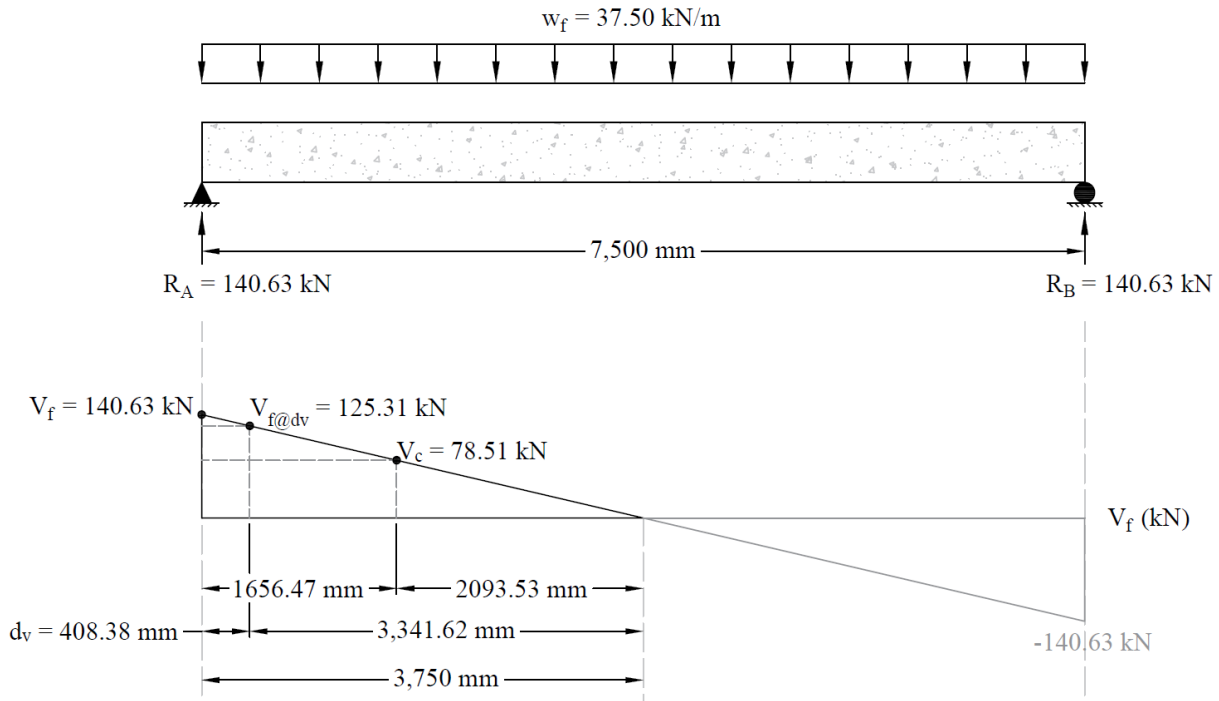


Figure 4 – Shear Diagram for Simply Supported Beam

The design shear at a distance, d_v , away from the face of support,

$$d_v = \max \left\{ \frac{0.9 \times d}{0.72 \times h} \right\} = \max \left\{ \frac{0.9 \times 453.75}{0.72 \times 510.00} \right\} = \max \left\{ \frac{408.38}{367.20} \right\} = 408.38 \text{ mm} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (3.2)}$$

$$V_{f@dv} = 125.31 \text{ kN}$$

The factored shear resistance shall be determined by

$$V_r = V_c + V_s + V_p = V_c \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 11.4)}$$

However, V_r shall not exceed

$$V_{r,\max} = 0.25 \times \phi_c \times f'_c \times b_w \times d_v + V_p \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 11.5)}$$

$$V_{r,\max} = \frac{0.25 \times 0.65 \times 30 \times 300.00 \times 408.38}{1,000} = 597.25 \text{ kN}$$

Shear strength provided by concrete

$$V_c = \phi_c \times \lambda \times \beta \times \sqrt{f'_c} \times b_w \times d_v \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 11.6)}$$

$$\beta = 0.18 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (11.3.6.3)}$$

$$V_c = \frac{0.65 \times 1.00 \times 0.18 \times \sqrt{30} \times 300.00 \times 408.38}{1,000} = 78.51 \text{ kN} < V_{f@dv} = 125.31 \text{ kN} \rightarrow \text{Stirrups are required}$$

Try 10M, two-leg stirrups ($A_v = 200.00 \text{ mm}^2$).

The nominal shear strength required to be provided by shear reinforcement is

$$V_s = V_{f@dv} - V_c = 125.31 - 78.51 = 46.80 \text{ kN}$$

$$\left(\frac{A_v}{s}\right)_{req} = \frac{V_{f@dv} - V_c}{\phi \times f_{yt} \times d_v \times \cot \theta} = \frac{46.80 \times 1,000.00}{0.85 \times 400 \times 408.38 \times \cot 35^\circ} = 0.236 \frac{\text{mm}^2}{\text{mm}} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (11.3.5.1)}$$

Where $\theta = 35^\circ$ CSA A23.3-14 (11.3.6.2)

$$\left(\frac{A_v}{s}\right)_{min} = \frac{0.06 \times \sqrt{f'_c} \times b_w}{f_{yt}} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (11.2.8.2)}$$

$$\left(\frac{A_v}{s}\right)_{min} = \frac{0.06 \times \sqrt{30} \times 300.00}{400} = 0.246 \frac{\text{mm}^2}{\text{mm}} > \left(\frac{A_v}{s}\right)_{req}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{A_v}{s}\right)_{req} = 0.246 \frac{\text{mm}^2}{\text{mm}}$$

$$s_{req} = \frac{A_v}{\left(\frac{A_v}{s}\right)_{req}} = \frac{200.00}{0.246} = 811.44 \text{ mm}$$

Check whether the required spacing based on the shear demand meets the spacing limits for shear reinforcement per CSA A23.3-14 (11.3.8).

$$0.125 \times \lambda \times \phi_c \times f'_c \times b_w \times d_v > V_{f@dv} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (11.3.8.3)}$$

$$0.125 \times 1.00 \times 0.65 \times 30 \times 300.00 \times 408.38 = 298.62 \text{ kN} > V_{f@dv} = 125.31 \text{ kN}$$

Therefore, maximum stirrup spacing shall be the smallest of $0.7 \times d_v$ and 600.00 mm. CSA A23.3-14 (11.3.8.1)

$$s_{max} = \min \left\{ \frac{0.7 \times d_v}{600.00 \text{ mm}} \right\} = \min \left\{ \frac{0.7 \times 408.38}{600.00} \right\} = \min \left\{ \frac{285.86}{600.00} \right\} = 285.86 \text{ mm} < s_{req}$$

$$\therefore \text{use } s_{provided} = 264.00 \text{ mm} < s_{max} = 285.86 \text{ mm}$$

Use 10M @ 264.00 mm stirrups

$$V_r = \frac{\phi_s \times A_v \times f_y \times d_v \times \cot \theta}{s} + V_c \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (11.3.3 and 11.3.5.1)}$$

$$V_r = \frac{0.85 \times 200.00 \times 400 \times 408.38 \times \cot 35^\circ}{264.00 \times 1,000} + 78.51 = 150.22 + 78.51 = 228.73 \text{ kN} > V_{f@dv} = 125.31 \text{ kN} \quad \text{o.k.}$$

Compute where V_f is equal to V_c , and the stirrups can be stopped.

CSA A23.3-14 (11.2.8.1)

$$x = \frac{V_f - V_c}{V_f} \times \frac{l}{2} = \frac{140.63 - 78.51}{140.63} \times \frac{7,500}{2} = 1,656.39 \text{ mm}$$

Use 15 – 10M @ 264 mm o.c., Place 1st stirrup 76.30 mm from the face of the support.

6. Deflection Control (Serviceability Requirements)

Since the preliminary beam depth met minimum depth requirement, the deflection calculations are not required. However, the calculations of immediate and time-dependent deflections are covered in detail in this section for illustration and comparison with [spBeam](#) model results for simply supported beam.

6.1. Immediate (Instantaneous) Deflections

Elastic analysis for three service load levels (D , $D + L_{sustained}$, $D + L_{Full}$) is used to obtain immediate deflections of the simply supported beam in this example. However, other procedures may be used if they result in predictions of deflection in reasonable agreement with the results of comprehensive tests.

The effective moment of inertia (I_e) is used to account for the cracking effect on the flexural stiffness of the beam. I_e for uncracked section ($M_{cr} > M_a$) is equal to I_g . When the section is cracked ($M_{cr} < M_a$), then the following equation should be used:

$$I_e = I_{cr} + (I_g - I_{cr}) \times \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \leq I_g \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 9.1)}$$

Where:

M_a = Maximum moment in member due to service loads at stage deflection is calculated.

The effective moment of inertia procedure described in the Code is considered sufficiently accurate to estimate deflections. The effective moment of inertia, I_e , was developed to provide a transition between the upper and lower bounds of I_g and I_{cr} as a function of the ratio M_{cr}/M_a .

Unless deflections are determined by a more comprehensive analysis, immediate deflection shall be computed using elastic deflection equations using the effective moment of inertia in [Eq. 9.1](#) in [CSA A23.3-14](#).

CSA A23.3-14 (9.8.2.3)

The values of the maximum moments for the three service load levels are calculated from structural analysis as shown previously (sustained live load = 0 (assumed since no information were provided)).

$$M_{DL} = M_{DL+LL_sustained} = \frac{w_{DL} \times L^2}{8} = \frac{12.00 \times (7.50)^2}{8} = 84.38 \text{ kN-m}$$

$$M_{DL+LL} = \frac{(w_{DL} + w_{LL}) \times L^2}{8} = \frac{(12.00 + 15.00) \times (7.50)^2}{8} = 189.84 \text{ kN-m}$$

M_{cr} = cracking moment.

$$M_{cr} = \frac{f_r \times I_g}{Y_t} = \frac{\left(\frac{3.29}{2}\right) \times (3.3163 \times 10^9)}{255.00} \times 10^{-6} = 21.37 \text{ kN-m}$$

CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 9.2)

f_r should be taken as half of Eq. 8.3 in CSA A23.3-14

CSA A23.3-14 (9.8.2.3)

f_r = Modulus of rupture of concrete.

$$f_r = 0.6 \times \lambda \times \sqrt{f'_c} = 0.6 \times 1.00 \times \sqrt{30} = 3.29 \text{ MPa}$$

CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 8.3)

I_g = Moment of inertia of the gross uncracked concrete section

$$I_g = \frac{b \times h^3}{12} = \frac{300.00 \times 510.00^3}{12} = 3.3163 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$y_t = \frac{h}{2} = \frac{510.00}{2} = 255.00 \text{ mm}$$

I_{cr} = moment of inertia of the cracked section transformed to concrete.

CAC Concrete Design Handbook 4th Edition (5.2.3)

The critical section at midspan is reinforced with 3 – 30M bars.

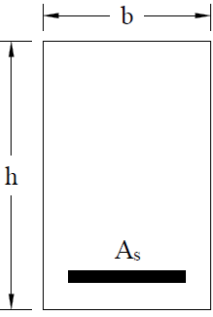
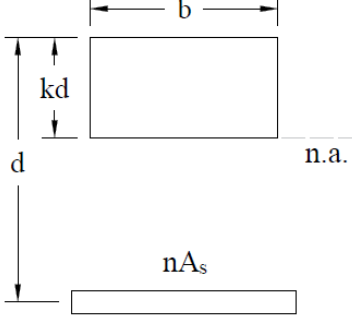
Gross Section	Cracked Transformed Section	Gross and Cracked Moment of Inertia
	 <p>Without compression steel</p>	$n = \frac{E_s}{E_c}$ $B = \frac{b}{n \times A_s}$ $I_g = \frac{b \times h^3}{12}$ <p>Without compression steel</p> $kd = \frac{\sqrt{2 \times d \times B + 1} - 1}{B}$ $I_{cr} = \frac{b \times (kd)^3}{3} + n \times A_s \times (d - kd)^2$

Figure 5 – Gross and Cracked Moment of Inertia of Rectangular Section (PCA Notes Table 10-2)

E_c = Modulus of elasticity of concrete.

$$E_c = \left(3,300 \times \sqrt{f'_c} + 6,900 \right) \times \left(\frac{\gamma_c}{2,300} \right)^{1.5} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (8.6.2.2)}$$

$$E_c = \left(3,300 \times \sqrt{30} + 6,900 \right) \times \left(\frac{2,400}{2,300} \right)^{1.5} = 26,621.22 \text{ MPa}$$

$$n = \frac{E_s}{E_c} = \frac{210,000}{26,621.22} = 7.89 \quad \text{PCA Notes on ACI 318-11 (Table 10-2)}$$

$$B = \frac{b}{n \times A_s} = \frac{300.00}{7.89 \times (3 \times 700.00)} = 0.018 \text{ mm}^{-1} \quad \text{PCA Notes on ACI 318-11 (Table 10-2)}$$

$$kd = \frac{\sqrt{2 \times d \times B + 1} - 1}{B} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \times 453.75 \times 0.018 + 1} - 1}{0.018} = 175.35 \text{ mm} \quad \text{PCA Notes on ACI 318-11 (Table 10-2)}$$

$$I_{cr} = \frac{b \times (kd)^3}{3} + n \times A_s \times (d - kd)^2 \quad \text{PCA Notes on ACI 318-11 (Table 10-2)}$$

$$I_{cr} = \frac{300.00 \times 175.35^3}{3} + 7.89 \times (3 \times 700.00) \times (453.75 - 175.35)^2 = 1.8231 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$$

For Dead Load Service Load Level:

$$I_{ec} = I_{cr} + (I_g - I_{cr}) \times \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3, \text{ since } M_{cr} = 21.37 \text{ kN-m} < M_a = 84.38 \text{ kN-m} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 9.1)}$$

$$I_e = 1.8231 \times 10^9 + (3.3163 \times 10^9 - 1.8231 \times 10^9) \times \left(\frac{21.37}{84.38} \right)^3 = 1.8474 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$$

The [following Table](#) provides a summary of the required parameters and calculated values needed for deflection calculation.

Table 1 – Effective Moment of Inertia Calculations (at midspan)								
I_g (mm ⁴) (×10 ⁹)	I_{cr} (mm ⁴) (×10 ⁹)	M_a (kN-m)			M_{cr} (kN-m)	I_e (mm ⁴) (×10 ⁹)		
		D	$D + LL_{Sus}$	$D + L_{full}$		D	$D + LL_{Sus}$	$D + L_{full}$
3.3163	1.8231	84.38	84.38	189.84	21.37	1.8474	1.8474	1.8252

After obtaining the effective moment of inertia, the maximum span deflection for the simply supported beam can be obtained from any available procedures or design aids (see [Figure 3](#)).

$$\Delta_{\max} = \frac{5}{384} \times \frac{w \times L^4}{E_c \times I_e}$$

$$\Delta_{DL} = \frac{5}{384} \times \frac{12.00 \times 7,500^4}{26,621.22 \times (1.8474 \times 10^9)} = 10.05 \text{ mm}$$

$$\Delta_{Total} = \frac{5}{384} \times \frac{(12.00 + 15.00) \times 7,500^4}{26,621.22 \times (1.8252 \times 10^9)} = 22.89 \text{ mm}$$

$$\Delta_{LL} = \Delta_{Total} - \Delta_{DL} = 22.89 - 10.05 = 12.84 \text{ mm} < \frac{L}{360} = \frac{7,500.00}{360} = 20.83 \text{ mm } \textit{o.k.} \quad \underline{\text{CSA A23.3-14 (Table 9.3)}}$$

6.2. Time-Dependent (Long-Term) Deflections (Δ_{lt})

The additional time-dependent (long-term) deflection resulting from creep and shrinkage (Δ_{cs}) are estimated as follows.

$$\Delta_{cs} = \lambda_{\Delta} \times (\Delta_{sust})_{Inst} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-04 (N9.8.2.5)}$$

The total time-dependent (long-term) deflection is calculated as:

$$(\Delta_{total})_{lt} = (\Delta_{sust})_{Inst} \times (1 + \lambda_{\Delta}) + [(\Delta_{total})_{Inst} - (\Delta_{sust})_{Inst}] \quad \text{CSA A23.3-04 (N9.8.2.5)}$$

Where:

$(\Delta_{sust})_{Inst}$ = Immediate (instantaneous) deflection due to sustained load, mm

$$\xi_s = \left[1 + \frac{s}{1 + 50 \times \rho'} \right] \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 9.5)}$$

$(\Delta_{total})_{lt}$ = Time-dependent (long-term) total deflection, mm

$(\Delta_{total})_{Inst}$ = Total immediate (instantaneous) deflection, mm

For the exterior span

$s = 2$, consider the sustained load duration to be 60 months or more. CSA A23.3-14 (9.8.2.5)

$\rho' = 0$, conservatively.

$$\lambda_{\Delta} = \frac{s}{1 + 50 \times \rho'} = \frac{2.00}{1 + 50 \times 0} = 2.00 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-04 (N9.8.2.5)}$$

$$\Delta_{cs} = \lambda_{\Delta} \times (\Delta_{sust})_{Inst} = 2.00 \times 10.05 = 20.11 \text{ mm}$$

$$\Delta_{cs} + \Delta_{LL} = 20.11 + 12.84 = 32.95 \text{ mm} \approx \frac{L}{240} = \frac{7,500}{240} = 31.25 \text{ mm (Exceeded)} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Table 9.3)}$$

$$\xi_s = \left[1 + \frac{2}{1 + 50 \times 0} \right] = 3.00$$

$$(\Delta_{total})_{lt} = 10.05 \times 3 + (22.89 - 10.05) = 43.00 \text{ mm}$$

7. Simply Supported Beam Analysis and Design – spBeam Software

[spBeam](#) is widely used for analysis, design and investigation of beams, and one-way slab systems (including standard and wide module joist systems) per latest American ([ACI 318-14](#)) and Canadian ([CSA A23.3-14](#)) codes. [spBeam](#) can be used for new designs or investigation of existing structural members subjected to flexure, shear, and torsion loads. With capacity to integrate up to 20 spans and two cantilevers of wide variety of floor system types, [spBeam](#) is equipped to provide cost-effective, accurate, and fast solutions to engineering challenges.

[spBeam](#) provides top and bottom bar details including development lengths and material quantities, as well as live load patterning and immediate and long-term deflection results. Using the moment redistribution feature engineers can deliver safe designs with savings in materials and labor. Engaging this feature allows up to 20% reduction of negative moments over supports reducing reinforcement congestions in these areas.

Beam analysis and design requires engineering judgment in most situations to properly simulate the behavior of the targeted beam and take into account important design considerations such as: designing the beam as rectangular or T-shaped sections; using the effective flange width or the center-to-center distance between the beam and the adjacent beams. Regardless which of these options is selected, [spBeam](#) provide users with options and flexibility to:

1. Design the beam as a rectangular cross-section or a T-shaped section.
2. Use the effective or full beam flange width.
3. Include the flanges effects in the deflection calculations.
4. Invoke moment redistribution to lower negative moments
5. Using gross (uncracked) or effective (cracked) moment of inertia

For illustration and comparison purposes, the [following figures](#) provide a sample of the results obtained from an [spBeam](#) model created for the simply supported beam discussed in this example.

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Project Define Grid Select Spans Supports Loads Rebars Solve Results Tables Reporter Display Viewports Settings

REBARS

Torsion Stirrups Flexure

REBARS

Span 1
No. of selected 1

Bottom Continuous

	No. of bars	Bar size	Length	Start	Cover
			m	m	mm
1	3	#30	7.50	0.00	41

Top Continuous
Bottom Discontinuous
Top Left
Top Right

Model View (Rebars: Flexure)

Legend:
Continuous

S1 7.50 S2

3-#30(7.5)

Model View (Rebars: Stirrups)

S1 7.50 S2

9-#10 @264 9-#10 @264

OPTIONS

☐ Distance location as ratio of span

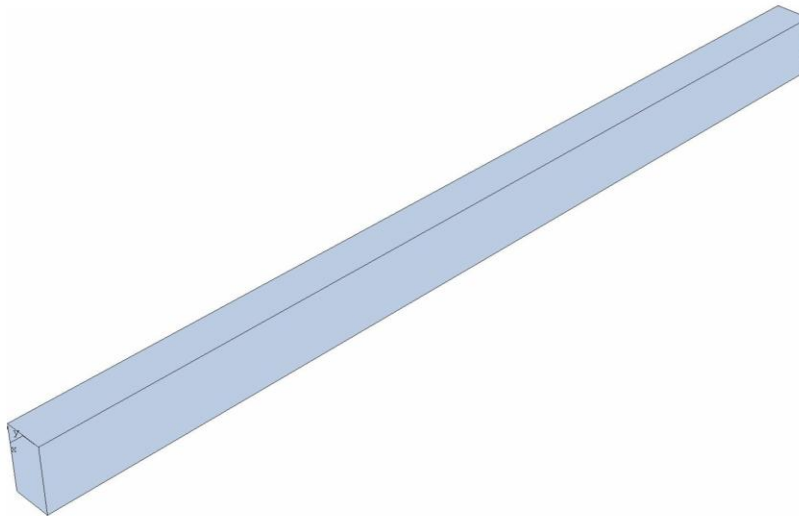
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☒ Hor. Stirrup Labels Scale 5

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1. Input Echo

1.1. General Information

File Name	C:\StructurePo...\DE-Simply-Supported-CSA-14.slbx
Project	Simply Supported RC Beam
Frame	Simply Supported RC Beam
Engineer	SP
Code	CSA A23.3-14
Units	Metric
Reinforcement Database	CSA G30.18
Mode	Investigation
Number of supports =	2
Floor System	One-Way/Beam

1.2. Solve Options

Live load pattern ratio = 0%
Deflections are based on cracked section properties.
In negative moment regions, I_g and M_{cr} DO NOT include flange/slab contribution (if available)
Long-term deflections are calculated for load duration of 60 months.
0% of live load is sustained.
Compression reinforcement calculations NOT selected.
Default incremental rebar design selected.
Combined M-V-T reinforcement design NOT selected.
Moment redistribution NOT selected.
Effective flange width calculations NOT selected.
Rigid beam-column joint NOT selected.
Torsion analysis and design NOT selected.

1.3. Material Properties

1.3.1. Concrete: Slabs / Beams

w_c	2400 kg/m ³
f'_c	30 MPa
E_c	26621.2 MPa
f_r	1.64317 MPa
Precast concrete	No

1.3.2. Concrete: Columns

w_c	2400 kg/m ³
f'_c	30 MPa
E_c	26621.2 MPa
f_r	3.28634 MPa
Precast concrete	No

1.3.3. Reinforcing Steel

f_y	400 MPa
f_{yt}	400 MPa
E_s	210000 MPa

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Epoxy coated bars ☐ No

1.4. Reinforcement Database

Size	Db mm	Ab mm ²	Wb kg/m	Size	Db mm	Ab mm ²	Wb kg/m
#10	11	100	1	#15	16	200	2
#20	20	300	2	#25	25	500	4
#30	30	700	5	#35	36	1000	8
#45	44	1500	12	#55	56	2500	20

1.5. Span Data

1.5.1. Slabs

Notes:

Span	Loc	L1 m	t mm	wL m	wR m	H _{min} mm
1	Int	7.500	0	0.150	0.150	0 ---

1.5.2. Ribs and Longitudinal Beams

Notes:

Span	Ribs			Beams		Span H _{min} mm
	b mm	h mm	Sp mm	b mm	h mm	
1	0	0	0	300	510	469

1.6. Support Data

1.6.1. Columns

Support	c1a mm	c2a mm	Ha m	c1b mm	c2b mm	Hb m	Red %
1	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0
2	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0

1.6.2. Boundary Conditions

Support	Spring		Far End	
	K _x kN/mm	K _y kN-mm/rad	Above	Below
1	0.00	0.00	Fixed	Fixed
2	0.00	0.00	Fixed	Fixed

1.7. Load Data

1.7.1. Load Cases and Combinations

Case	Dead	Live
Type	DEAD	LIVE
U1	1.250	1.500

1.7.2. Line Loads

Case/Patt	Span	Wa kN/m	La m	Wb kN/m	Lb m
Dead	1	12.00	0.000	12.00	7.500
Live	1	15.00	0.000	15.00	7.500

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1.8. Reinforcement Criteria

1.8.1. Slabs and Ribs

	Units	Top Bars		Bottom Bars	
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Bar Size		#20	#35	#20	#35
Bar spacing	mm	25	457	25	157
Reinf ratio	%	0.14	5.00	0.14	5.00
Clear Cover	mm	38		38	

There is NOT more than 300 mm of concrete below top bars.

1.8.2. Beams

	Units	Top Bars		Bottom Bars		Stirrups	
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Bar Size		#30	#30	#30	#30	#10	#10
Bar spacing	mm	42	457	42	457	152	457
Reinf ratio	%	0.14	2.63	0.14	2.63		
Clear Cover	mm	41		41			
Layer dist.	mm	25		25			
No. of legs						2	2
Side cover	mm					30	
1st Stirrup	mm					76	

There is NOT more than 300 mm of concrete below top bars.

1.9. Reinforcing Bars

1.9.1. Top Bars

Notes:
Top Bars: --- NONE ---

1.9.2. Bottom Bars

Notes:

Span	Continuous		Discontinuous		
	Bars	Cover	Bars	Length	Start Cover
		mm		m	mm
1	3-#30	41			

1.9.3. Transverse Reinforcement

Span Stirrups (2 legs each unless otherwise noted)

1 9-#10 @ 264 + <-- 2864 --> + 9-#10 @ 264

2. Design Results

2.1. Flexural Capacity

Span	x m	A _{s,top} mm ²	Top		Comb Pat	Status	A _{s,bot} mm ²	ΦM _n + kNm	Bottom		
			ΦM _n - kNm	M _u - kNm					M _u + kNm	Comb Pat	Status
1	0.000	0	0.00	0.00	U1 All	OK	2100	269.85	0.00	U1 All	OK
	2.625	0	0.00	0.00	U1 All	OK	2100	269.85	239.94	U1 All	OK
	3.750	0	0.00	0.00	U1 All	OK	2100	269.85	263.67	U1 All	OK
	4.875	0	0.00	0.00	U1 All	OK	2100	269.85	239.94	U1 All	OK
	7.500	0	0.00	0.00	U1 All	OK	2100	269.85	0.00	U1 All	OK

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2.2. Longitudinal Beam Transverse Reinforcement Capacity

2.2.1. Section Properties

Span	d _v mm	(A _v /s) _{min} mm ² /mm	ΦV _c kN	V _{r,max} kN
1	408.4	0.246	78.51	597.25

2.2.2. Beam Transverse Reinforcement Capacity

Notes:

*8 - Minimum transverse (stirrup) reinforcement governs.

Span	Start m	End m	X _u m	V _u kN	Required Comb/Patt	A _v /s mm ² /mm	Reqd/Min	Provided			
								A _v mm ²	Sp mm	A _v /s mm ² /mm	ΦV _n kN
1	0.000	0.076	0.408	125.31	U1/All	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	0.076	2.318	0.408	125.31	U1/All	0.236	0.96	200.0	264	0.758	228.89 *8
	2.318	5.182	2.318	53.70	U1/All	0.000	0.00	-----	-----	-----	71.23
	5.182	7.424	7.092	125.31	U1/All	0.236	0.96	200.0	264	0.758	228.89 *8
	7.424	7.500	7.092	125.31	U1/All	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

2.3. Slab Shear Capacity

Span	b mm	d _v mm	β	V _{ratio}	ΦV _c kN	V _u kN	X _u m
1	--- Not checked ---						

2.4. Material TakeOff

2.4.1. Reinforcement in the Direction of Analysis

Top Bars	0.0 kg <=>	0.00 kg/m <=>	0.000 kg/m ²
Bottom Bars	123.6 kg <=>	16.48 kg/m <=>	54.950 kg/m ²
Stirrups	19.0 kg <=>	2.54 kg/m <=>	8.463 kg/m ²
Total Steel	142.7 kg <=>	19.02 kg/m <=>	63.413 kg/m ²
Concrete	1.1 m ³ <=>	0.15 m ³ /m <=>	0.510 m ³ /m ²

3. Deflection Results: Summary

3.1. Section Properties

3.1.1. Frame Section Properties

Notes:

M+ve values are for positive moments (tension at bottom face).

M-ve values are for negative moments (tension at top face).

Span Zone	M _{+ve}			M _{-ve}		
	I _g mm ⁴	I _{cr} mm ⁴	M _{cr} kNm	I _g mm ⁴	I _{cr} mm ⁴	M _{cr} kNm
1 Left	3316275000.00	1823112634.60	21.37	3316275000.00	0.00	-21.37
Midspan	3316275000.00	1823112634.60	21.37	3316275000.00	0.00	-21.37
Right	3316275000.00	1823112634.60	21.37	3316275000.00	0.00	-21.37

3.1.2. Frame Effective Section Properties

Span Zone	Weight	Load Level					
		Dead		Sustained		Dead+Live	
		M _{max} kNm	I _e mm ⁴	M _{max} kNm	I _e mm ⁴	M _{max} kNm	I _e mm ⁴
1 Middle	1.000	84.38	1847369930.92	84.38	1847369930.92	189.84	1825242218.91

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Span Zone	Weight	Load Level					
		Dead		Sustained		Dead+Live	
		M _{max} kNm	I _e mm ⁴	M _{max} kNm	I _e mm ⁴	M _{max} kNm	I _e mm ⁴
Span Avg	----	----	1847369930.92	----	1847369930.92	----	1825242218.91

3.2. Instantaneous Deflections

3.2.1. Extreme Instantaneous Frame Deflections and Corresponding Locations

Span	Direction	Value	Units	Dead	Live			Total	
					Sustained	Unsustained	Total	Sustained	Dead+Live
1	Down	Def	mm	10.05	---	12.84	12.84	10.05	22.89
		Loc	m	3.750	---	3.750	3.750	3.750	3.750
	Up	Def	mm	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Loc	m	---	---	---	---	---	---

3.3. Long-term Deflections

3.3.1. Long-term Deflection Factors

Notes:

Deflection multiplier, Lambda, depends on moment sign at sustained load level and Rho' in given zone.
Rho' is assumed zero because Compression Reinforcement option is NOT selected in Solve Options.

Time dependant factor for sustained loads = 2.000

Span Zone	M _{ve}					M _{ve}				
	A _{s,top} mm ²	b mm	d mm	Rho' %	Lambda	A _{s,bot} mm ²	b mm	d mm	Rho' %	Lambda
1 Midspan	----	----	----	0.000	2.000	----	----	----	0.000	2.000

3.3.2. Extreme Long-term Frame Deflections and Corresponding Locations

Notes:

Incremental deflections due to creep and shrinkage (cs) based on sustained load level values.

Incremental deflections after partitions are installed can be estimated by deflections due to:

- creep and shrinkage plus unsustained live load (cs+lu), if live load applied before partitions,
- creep and shrinkage plus live load (cs+l), if live load applied after partitions.

Total deflections consist of dead, live, and creep and shrinkage deflections.

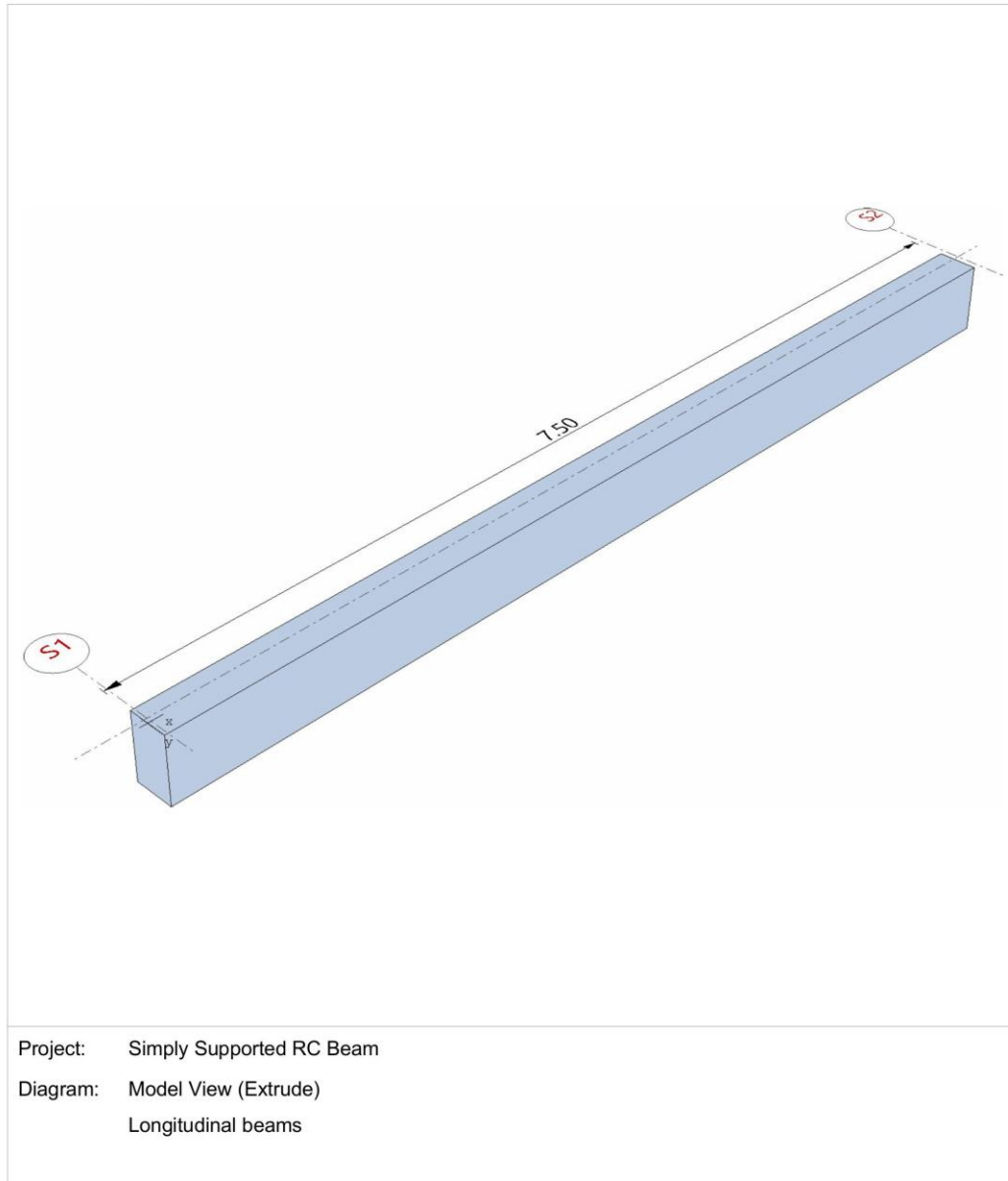
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1	Down	Def	mm	20.10	32.94	32.94	42.99
		Loc	m	3.750	3.750	3.750	3.750
	Up	Def	mm	---	---	---	---
		Loc	m	---	---	---	---

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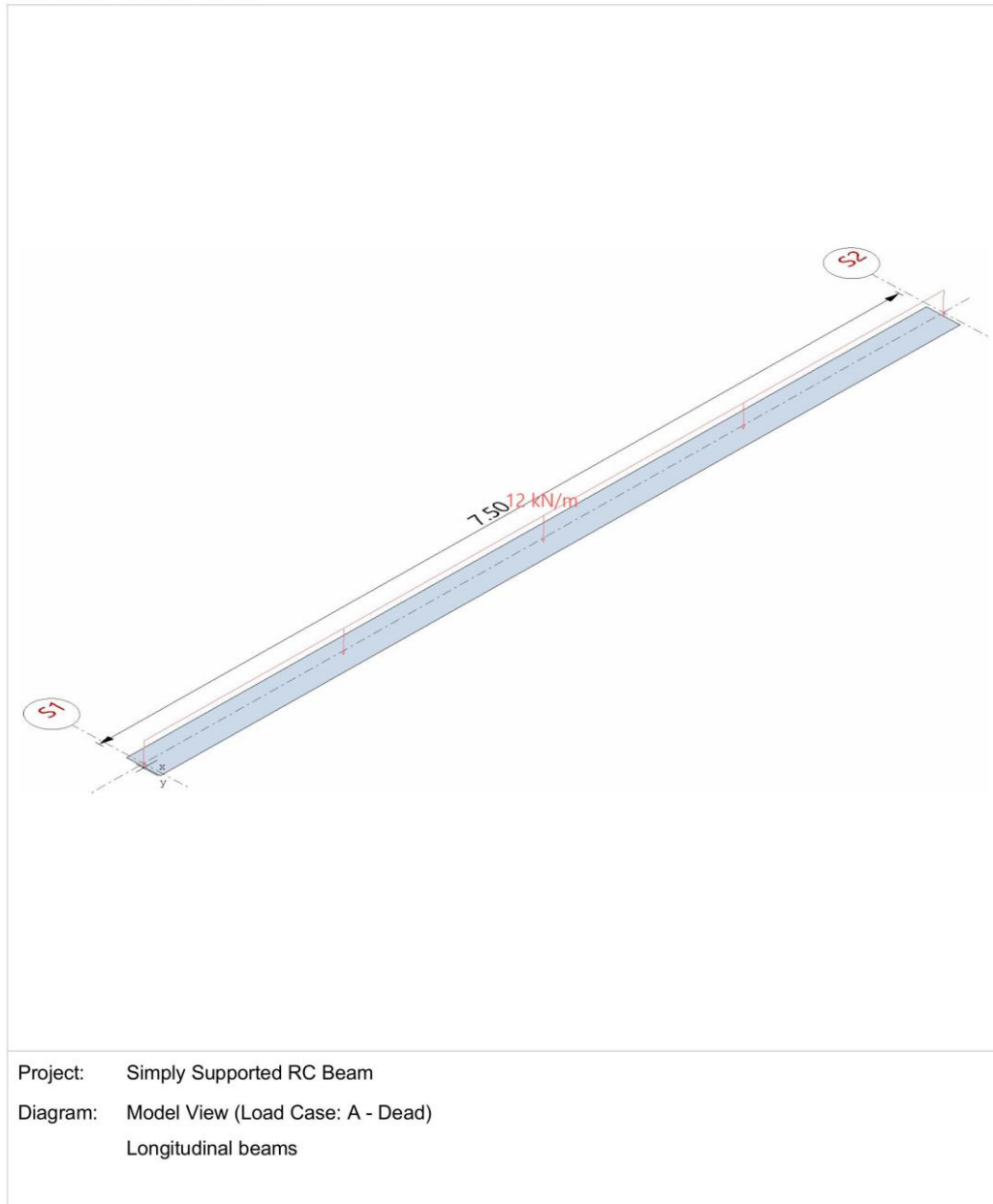
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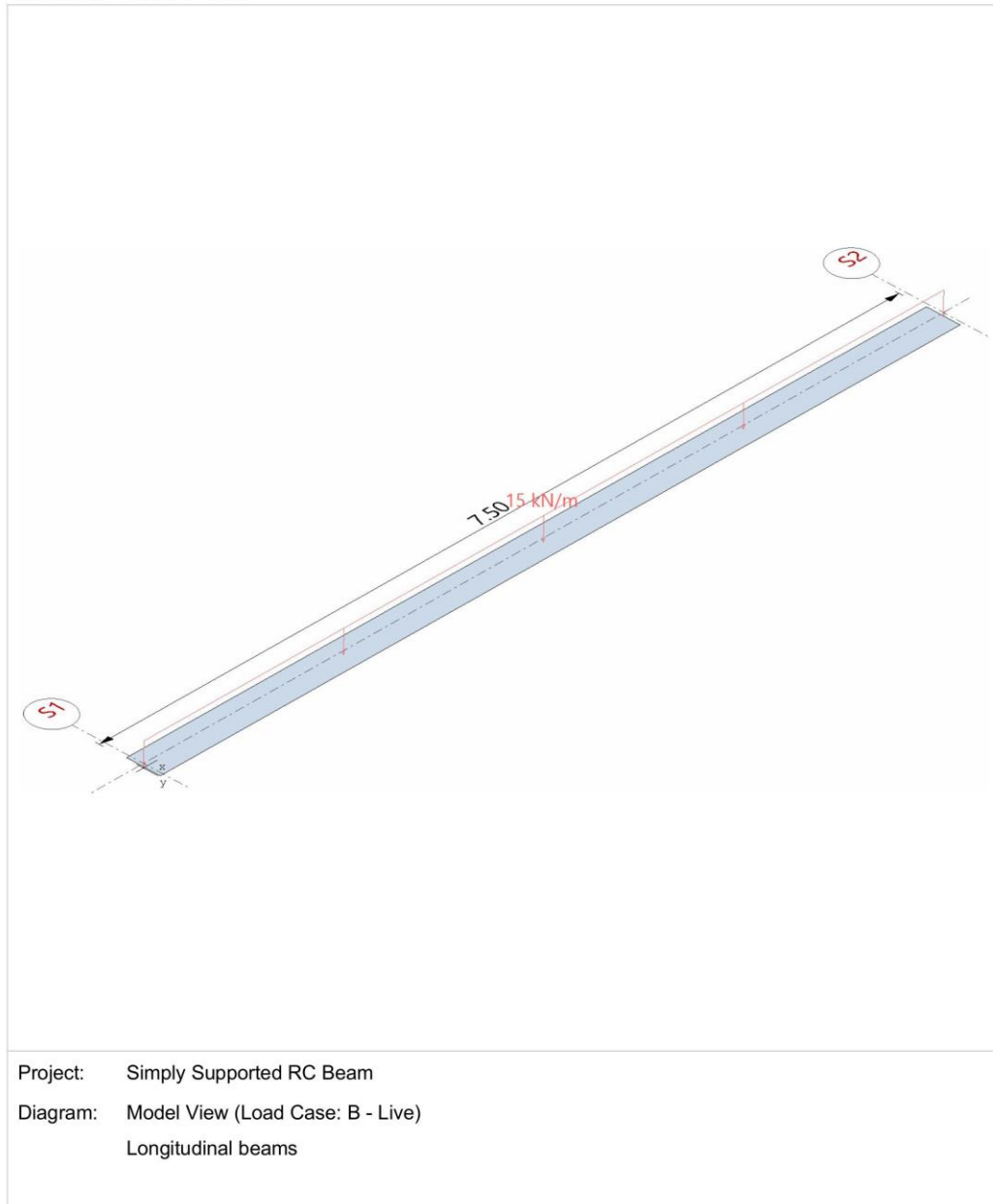
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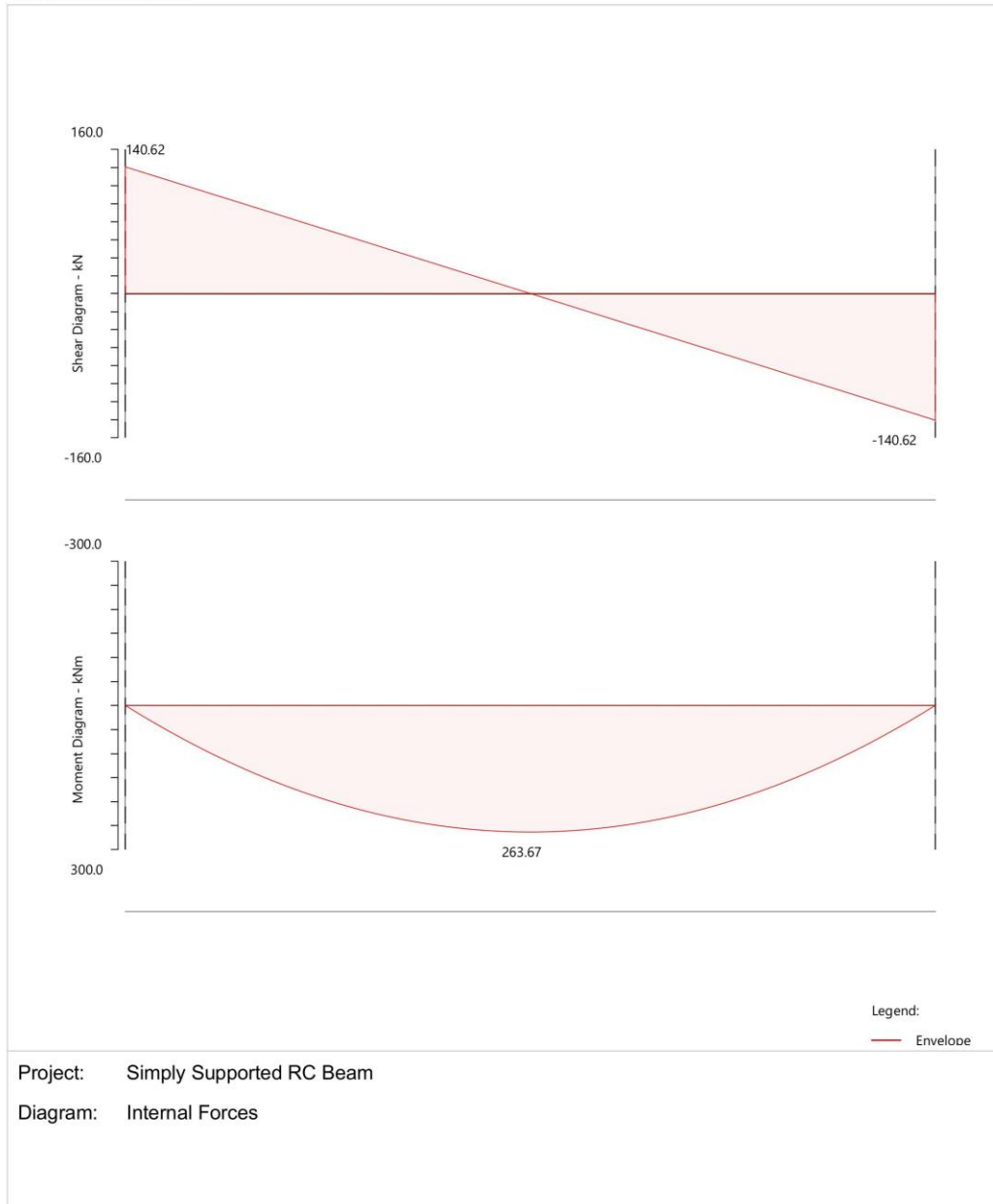
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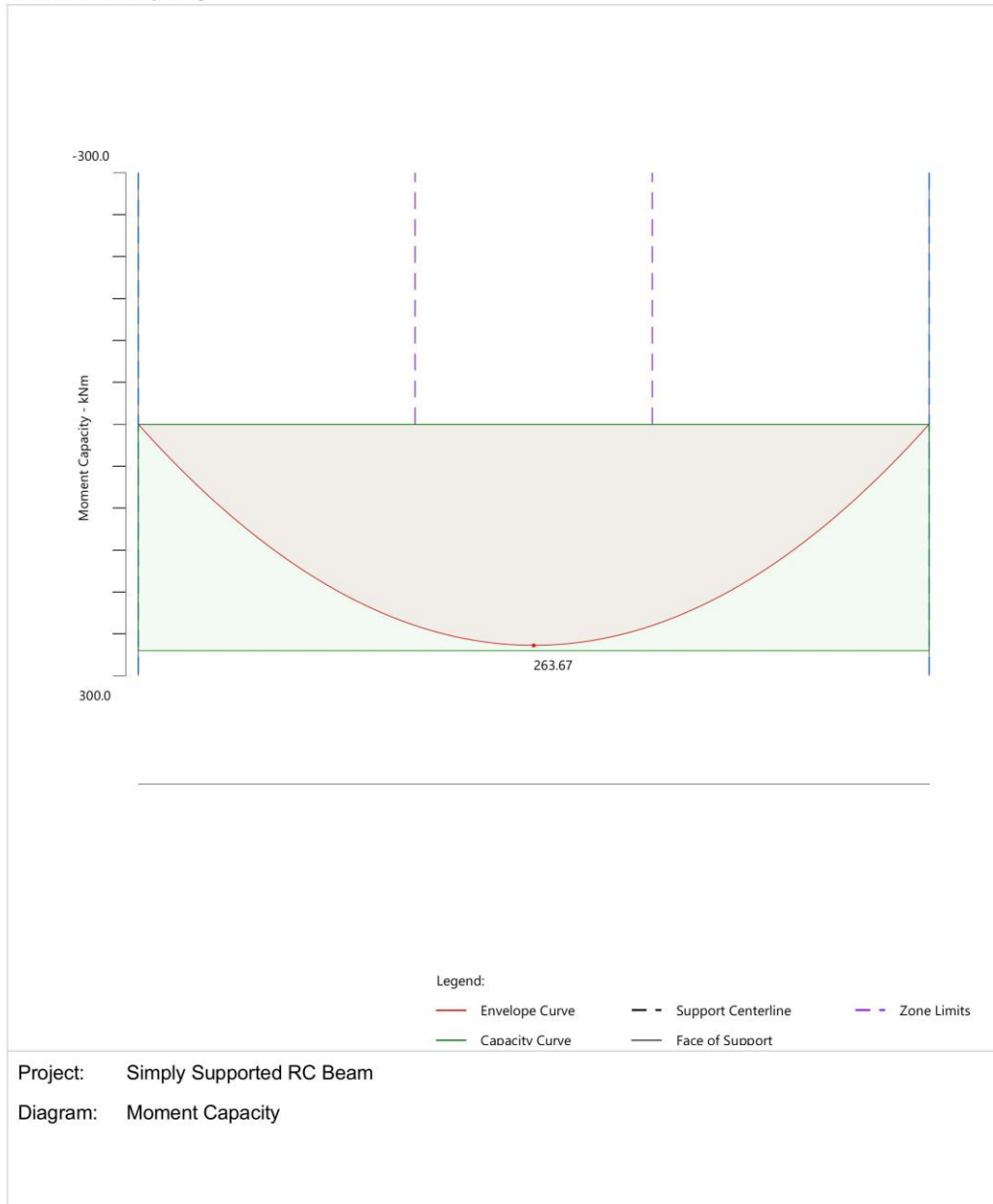
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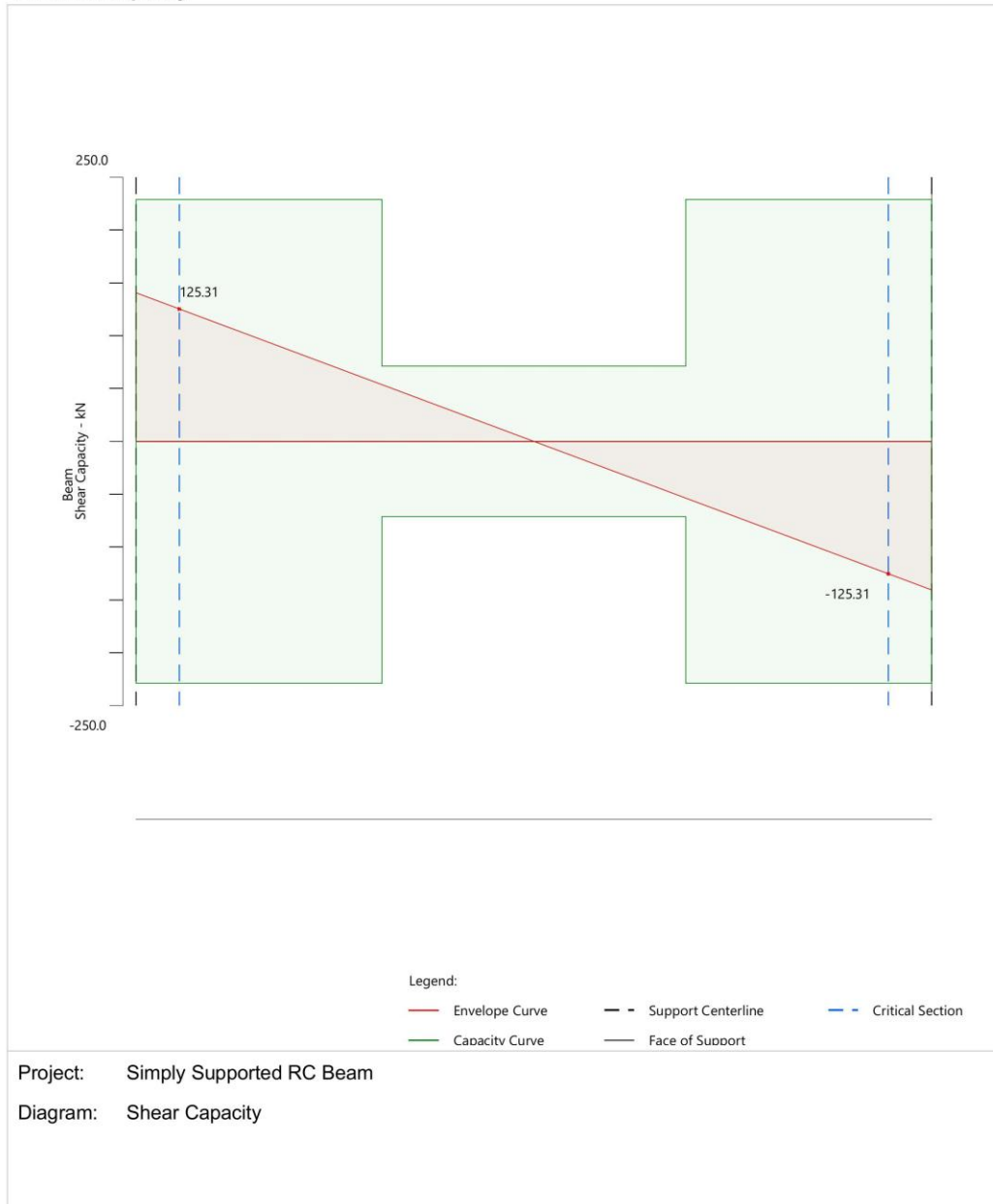
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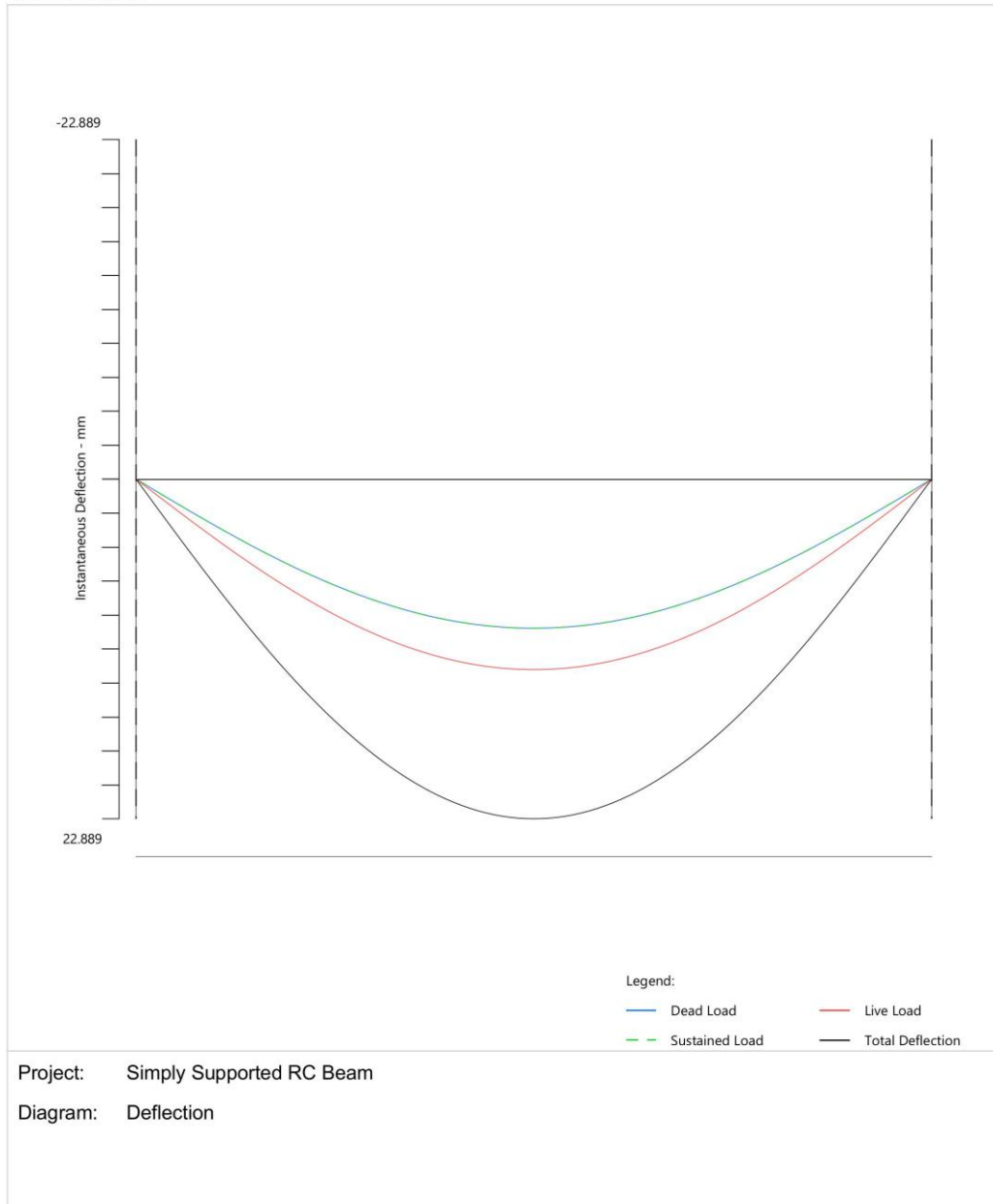
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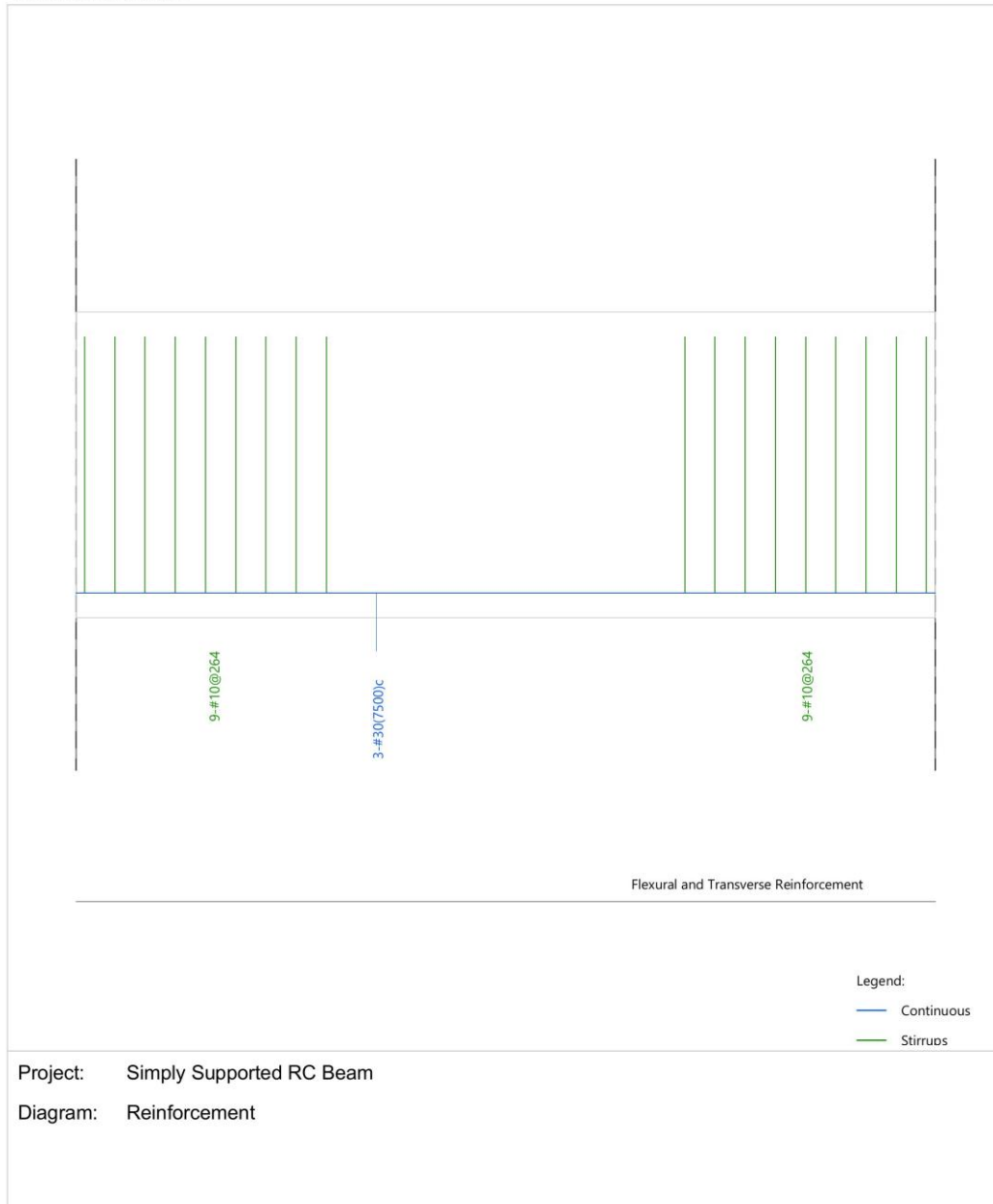
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4.8. Reinforcement



8. Analysis and Design Results Comparison and Conclusions

The following tables show the comparison between hand results and [spBeam](#) model results.

Table 2 – Comparison of Moments and Flexural Reinforcement (At Midspan)				
Location	M_f (kN-m)	Reinforcement	$A_{s,provided}$ (mm ²)	M_r (kN-m)
Hand	263.67	3 – 30M	2,100.00	269.85
Reference	264.00	3 – 30M	2,100.00	270.00
spBeam	263.67	3 – 30M	2,100.00	269.85

Table 3 – Comparison of Shear and lateral Reinforcement									
V_f^* (kN)		$(A_v/s)_{req}^{**}$ (mm ² /mm)		$(A_v/s)_{min}^{**}$ (mm ² /mm)		Reinforcement		V_r (kN)	
Hand	spBeam	Hand	spBeam	Hand	spBeam	Hand	spBeam	Hand	spBeam
125.31	125.31	0.236	0.236	0.246	0.246	10M @ 264 mm	10M @ 264 mm	228.73	228.89
* Shear values are taken at distance d_v from the faces of supports									
** Minimum transverse reinforcement governs									

Table 4 – Comparison of Section Properties								
Location	I_{cr} (mm ⁴) ($\times 10^9$)		I_e (mm ⁴) ($\times 10^9$)					
	Hand	spBeam	Hand			spBeam		
			DL	DL+LL _{sus}	Total	DL	DL+LL _{sus}	Total
Midspan	1.8231	1.8231	1.8474	1.8474	1.8252	1.8474	1.8474	1.8252

Table 5 – Comparison of Maximum Instantaneous Deflection (At Midspan)		
Deflection Type	Hand	spBeam
Δ_{DL}	10.05	10.05
Δ_{LL}	12.84	12.84
Δ_{total}	22.89	22.89

Table 6 – Comparison of Maximum Long-Term Deflection (At Midspan)		
Deflection Type	Hand	spBeam
Δ_{cs}	20.11	20.10
$\Delta_{cs} + \Delta_{LL}$	32.95	32.94
$(\Delta_{total})_{lt}$	43.00	42.99

The results of all the hand calculations used illustrated above are in agreement with the reference and automated exact results obtained from the [spBeam](#) program.