



Forming Concrete Elevated Structures

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Goals:

- Learn how to design efficient formwork and structural systems
- Understand how different formwork systems work
- Explore innovative strategies to improve construction efficiency with advanced formwork solutions



Common Forming Systems



Stick Framing

Modular Framing

Flying Tables

Perimeter Barrier Systems

Slab & Joist Pan Forms

PG Steel Beam Forms

Tall Shoring Systems



- Hand-set piece by piece
- Least Efficient
- Flexible to any condition



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Tall Shoring Systems

- Hand-set piece by piece
- Moderately Efficient
- Flexible to most conditions



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- Prefabricated into Panels
- Very Efficient
- Requires Repeatability

Common Forming Systems



Stick Framing

Modular Framing

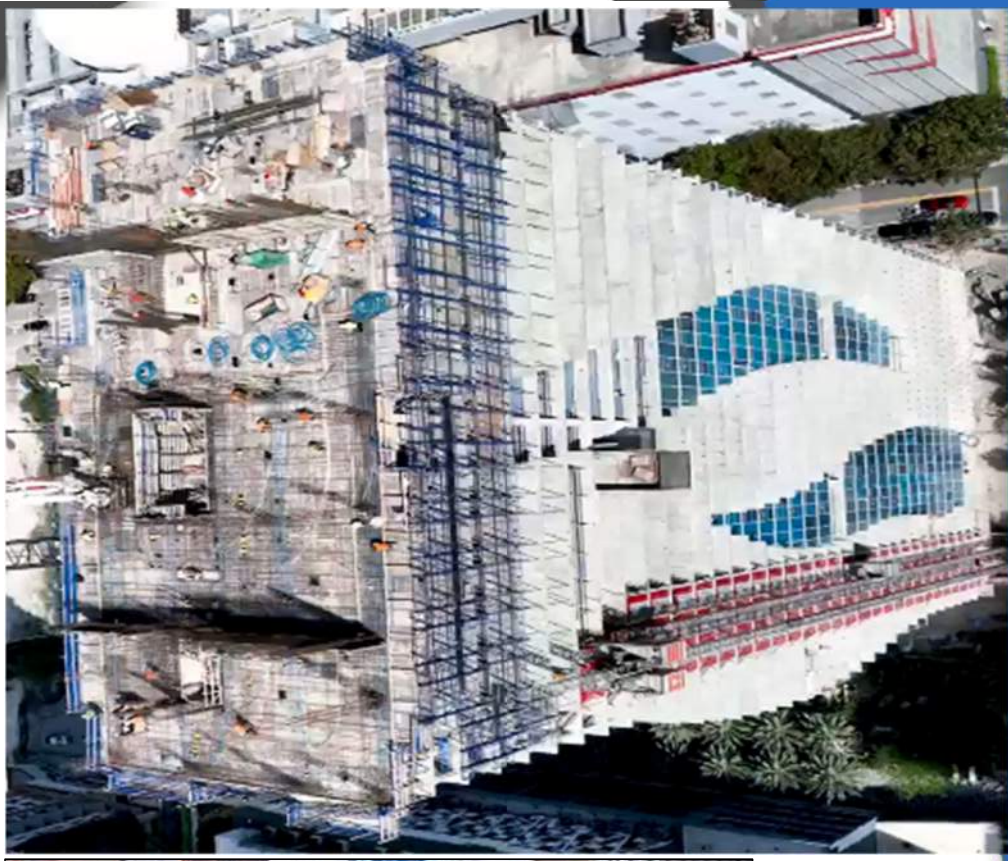
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- Provides Edge Protection for Modular Framing System
- Increases Efficiency
- Requires Repeatability

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- Used with other framing systems
- Efficient method of creating beam-slab system
- Set Standard Sizes

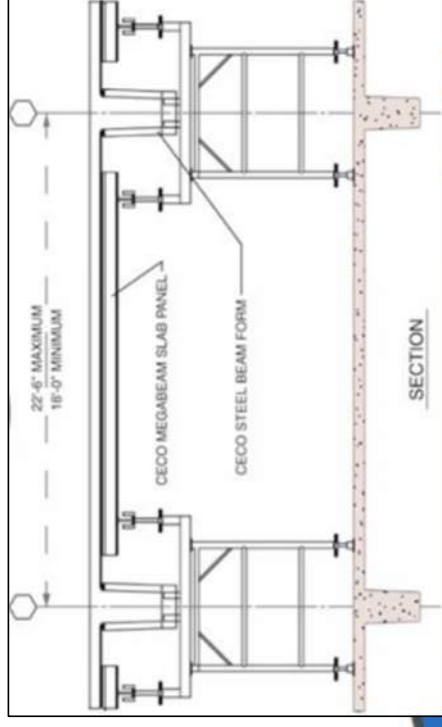


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- Prefabricated into Panels
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- Somewhat Flexible (Tetris)



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Column Forms

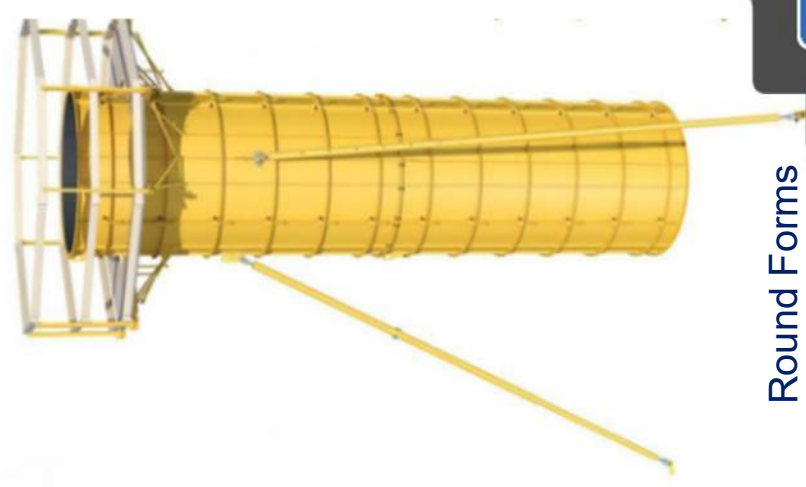
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Lumber & Clamps



Prefabricated Panels



Round Forms



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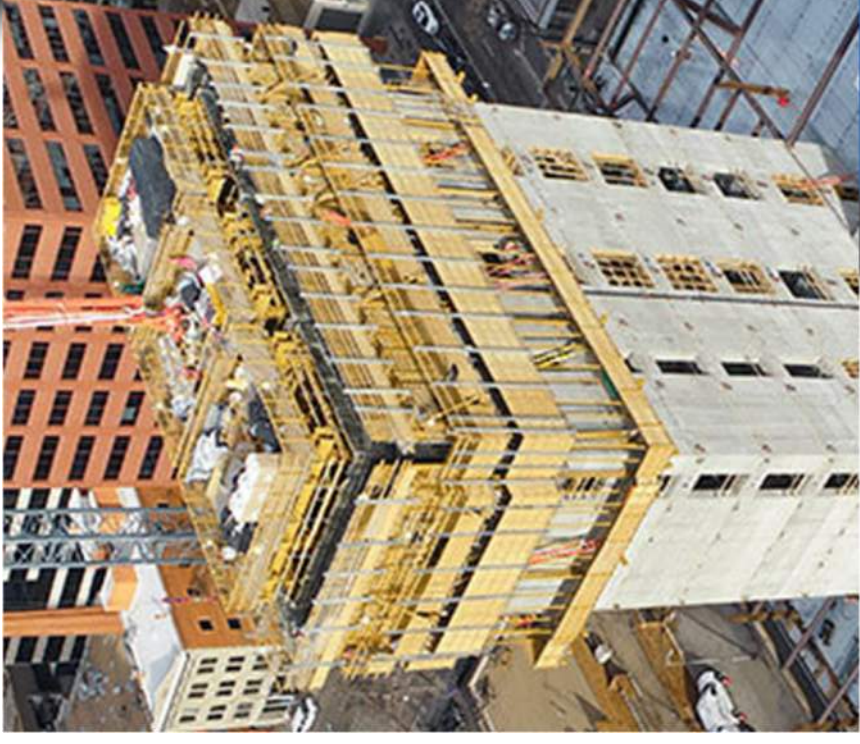
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Prefabricated Panels



Handset Lumber



Self Climbing Cores

Common Forming Systems



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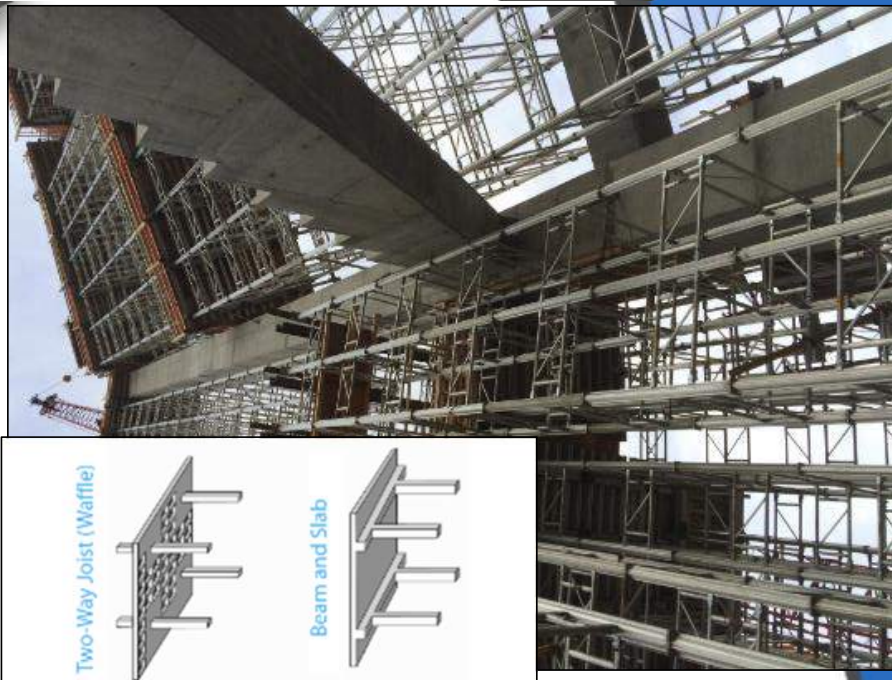
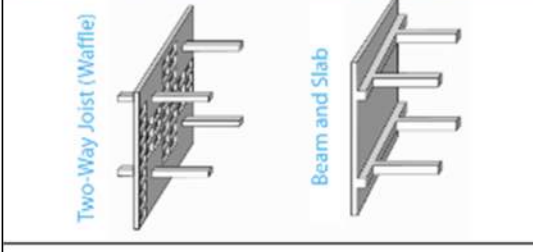
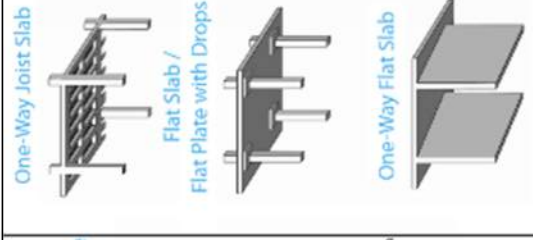
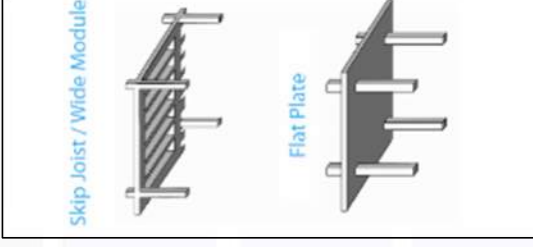


One-sided Wall Forms

Formwork System Selection

Formwork System Driven by Building Design

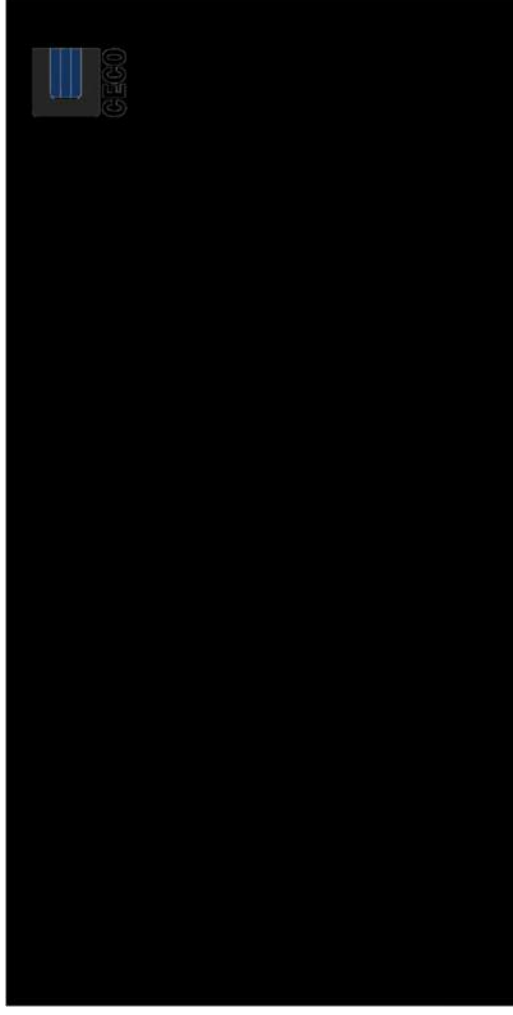
- Beam-Slab Parking Garage & One & Two-way Joist Floors have set systems
- Open plans with consistency from level to level = Flying Tables
- Odd size and shape, low uses, lend to stick framing or modular framing
- Very tall story heights require tables for safety during recovery



Formwork System Selection

Construction Schedule

- Faster Schedules requires more equipment. Doesn't always mean more efficient
- Schedule drives the number of uses on equipment.
- Labor Shortages may drive decisions as well.



Formwork System Selection

Equipment Cost vs. Labor Cost

- Labor savings must pay for “Fancy” Equipment
- Equipment selection dependent on number of uses and speed of reuse
- Company owned equipment vs. Rental



Formwork System Selection

Site Factors

- Crane Capacity & Reach
- Site Obstructions
 - Main Streets
 - Train Tracks
- Make-up / Tear-down Area

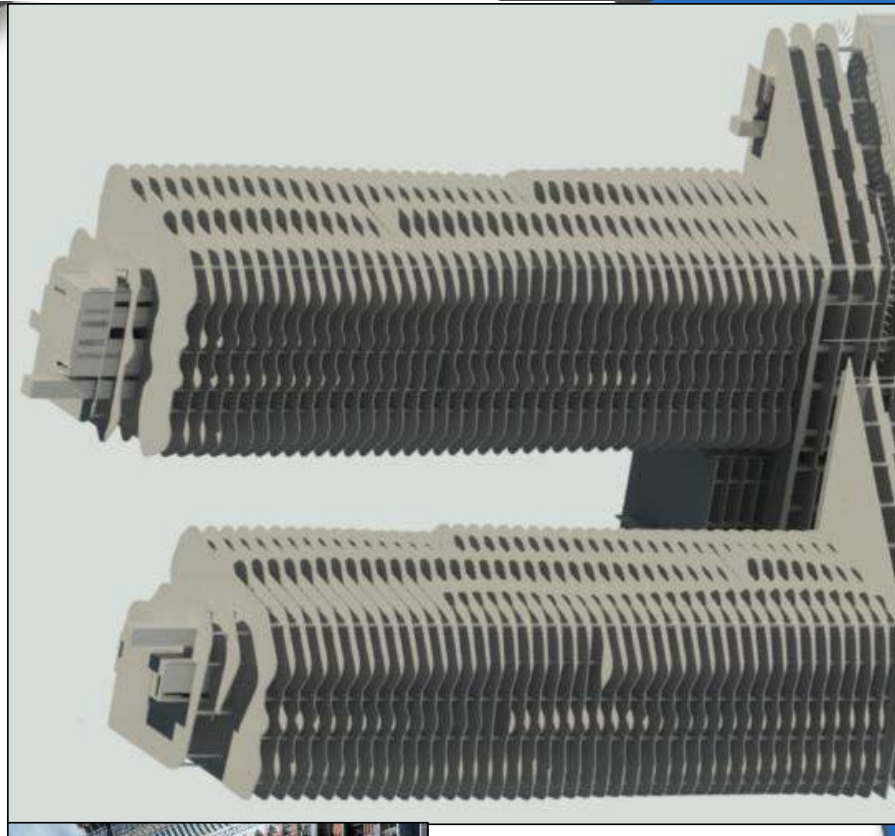


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Formwork System Selection

Repeatability



- Consistency in building design allows for consistency of formwork
- Panelized systems require repeatability
- Modifications require a modifiable system

Structure Cost VS. Labor Costs

Fixed Costs:

Concrete

Rebar

Finishes

(Materials and Equipment)

Variable Cost:

Labor

The structure costs far less than the labor required to build it



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Structure Design Load Considerations

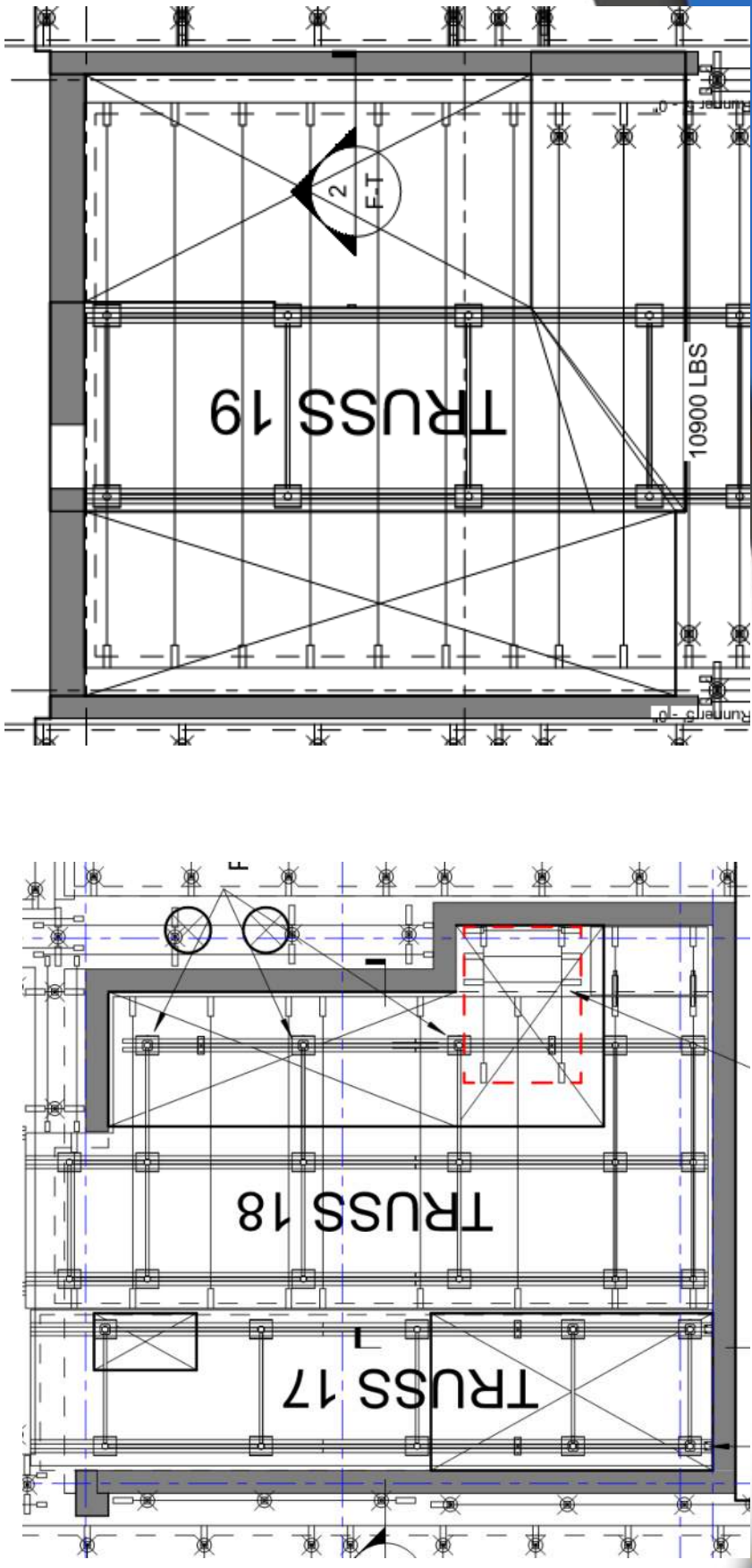
- Design Live loads and Superimposed Dead Loads
- Slab on grade design

5" SLAB ON GRADE
W/ FIBERS, TYP UNO
TSE 836-2 3/4

2.3. RESIDENTIAL FLOOR LOADS	
LIVE LOAD (LL)	40 PSF*
PRIVATE BALCONIES (LL)	60 PSF*
DEAD LOAD (SUPERIMPOSED)	20 PSF (INCLUDES NLB PARTITIONS)
2.5. STAIRS, CORRIDORS & LOBBIES	
LIVE LOAD (LL)	100 PSF
CORRIDORS UNO (LL)	100 PSF
CORRIDORS SERVING RESIDENTIAL ONLY (LL)	40 PSF
CORRIDORS SERVING AMENITY AREAS	100 PSF
DEAD LOAD SUPERIMPOSED (SDL)	20 PSF
2.6. AMENITY FLOOR LOAD	
MECHANICAL ROOM (LL)	125 PSF
AMENITY INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AREAS (LL)	100 PSF*
AMENITY INDOOR AREA DEAD LOAD (SDL)	20 PSF
AMENITY OUTDOOR AREA DEAD LOAD (SDL)	90 PSF
POOL (LL)	100 PSF
POOL MAX 4' WATER (SDL)	250 PSF
2.8. PARKING LOADS	
LIVE LOADS (LL)	40 PSF*
BUMPER LOAD OVER 1 FT SQ @ 18" HIGH	6 (HORIZONTAL) KIPS
CONCENTRATED WHEEL LOAD	3 KIPS (OVER A 4 1/2"x4 1/2" AREA)
TRUCK DRIVE LANES AND TRASH AREAS	250 PSF

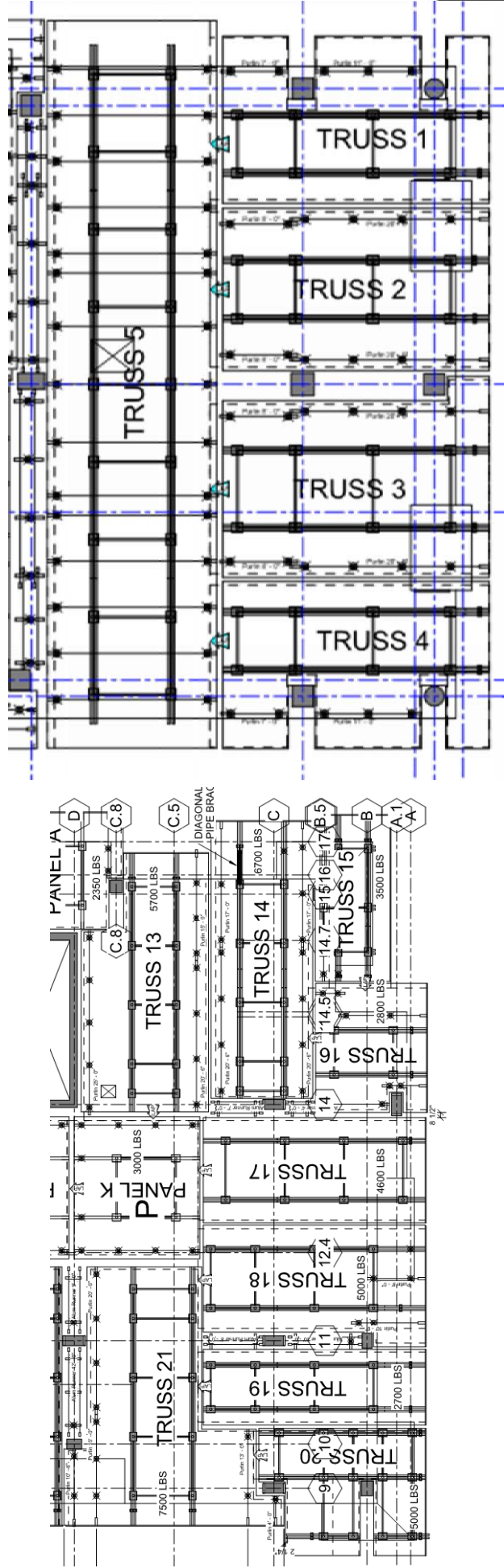
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Core Wall Configurations



Formwork System Selection

Column Layouts

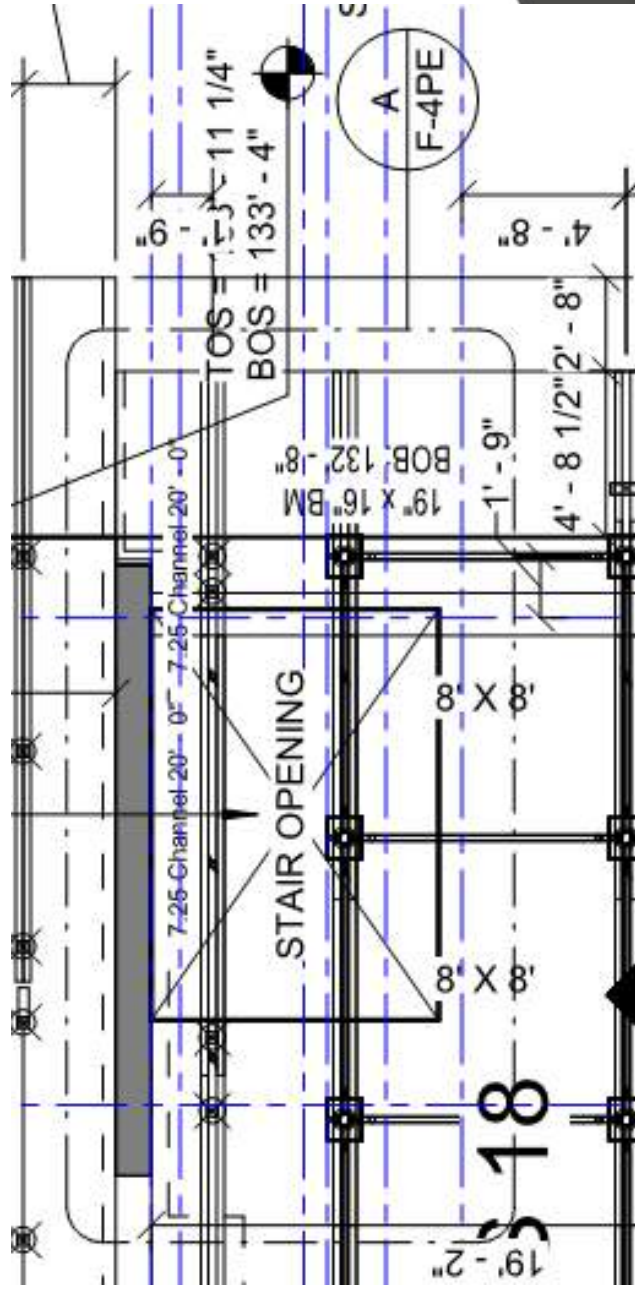
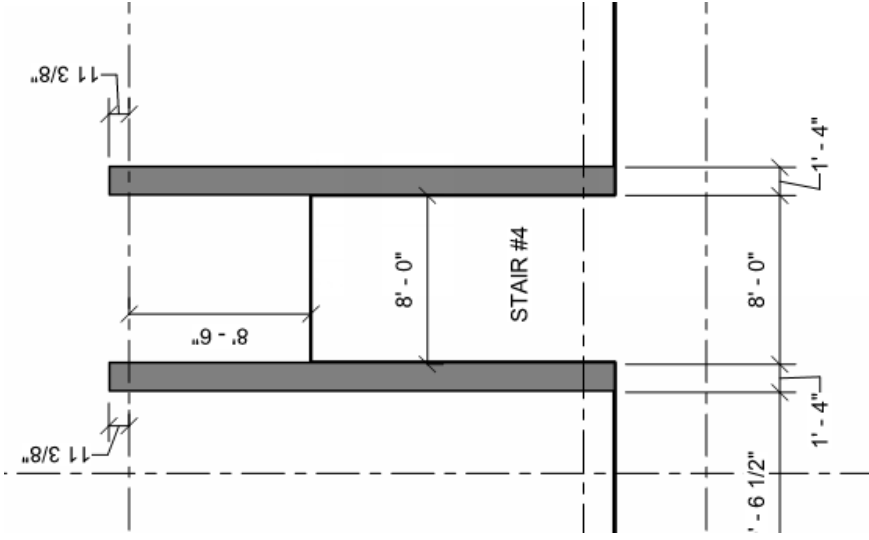


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Shear Walls

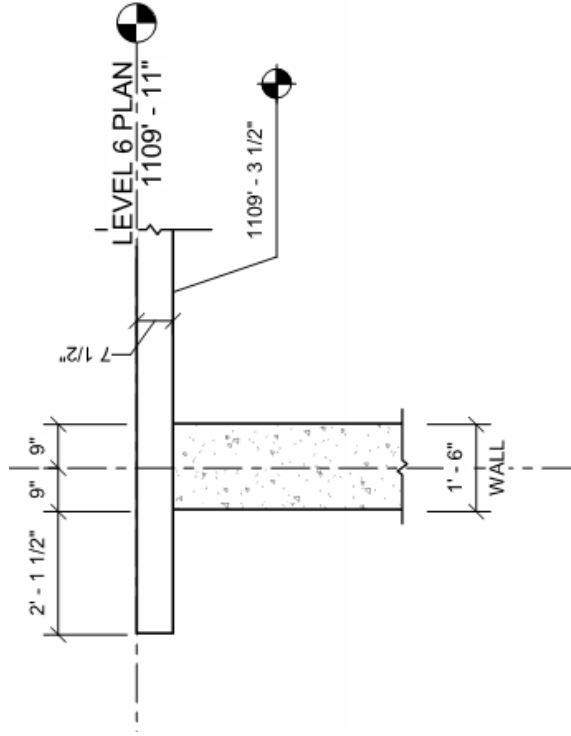
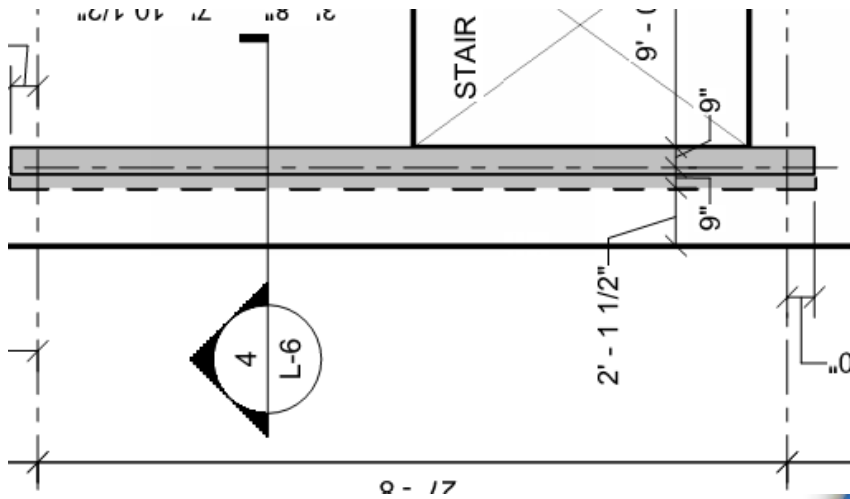


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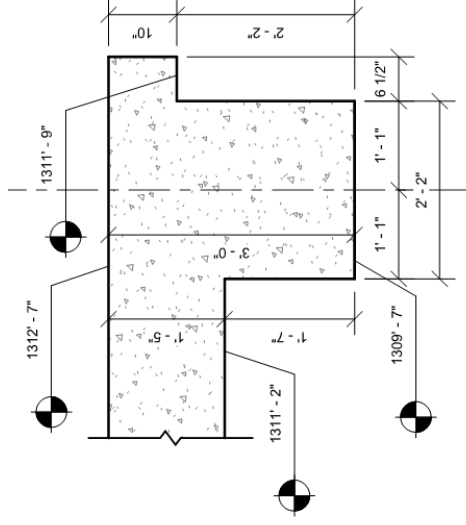
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Formwork System Selection

Lip Slabs



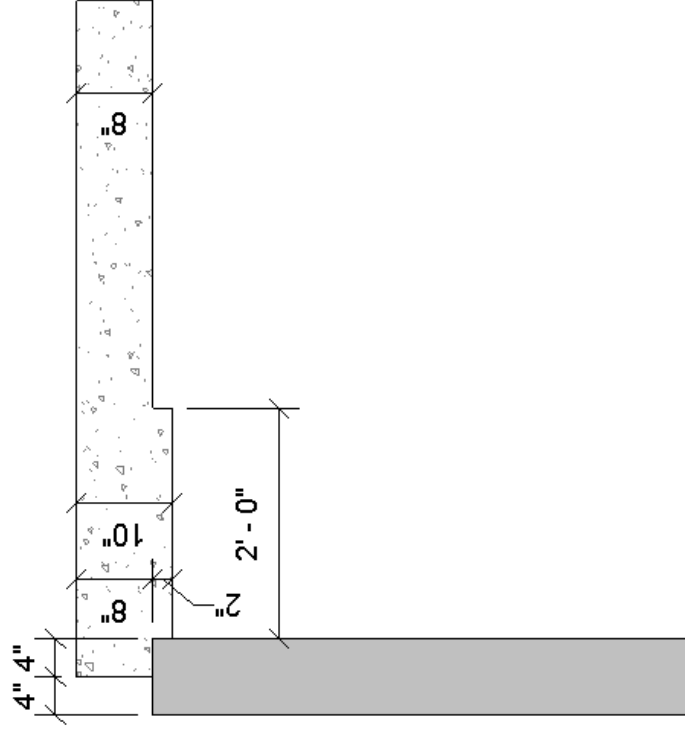
4 SECTION 4-LEVEL 6
3/8" = 1'-0"



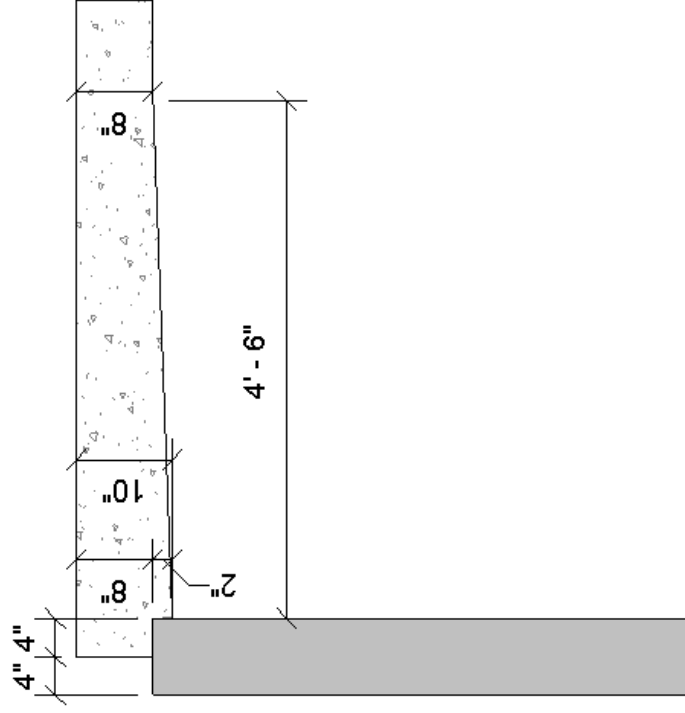
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1/2" = 1'-0"

Formwork System Selection

Conditions at Walls



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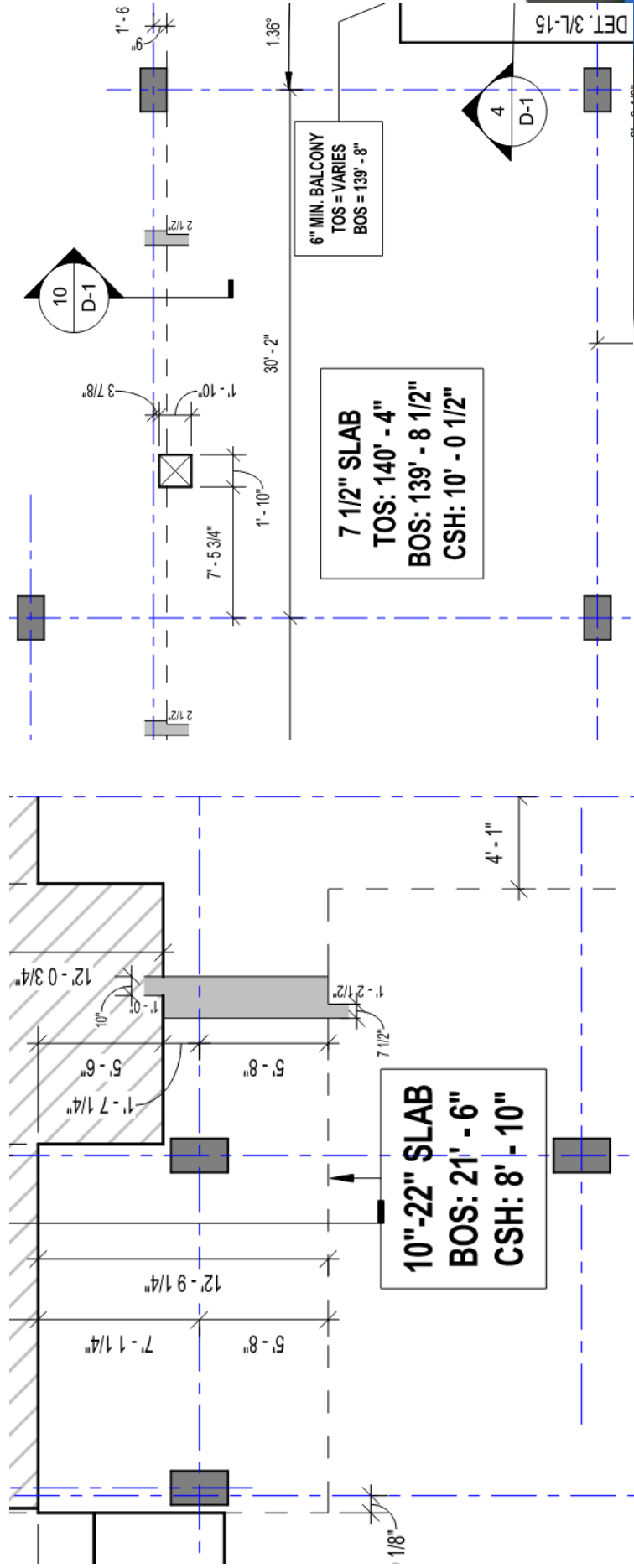


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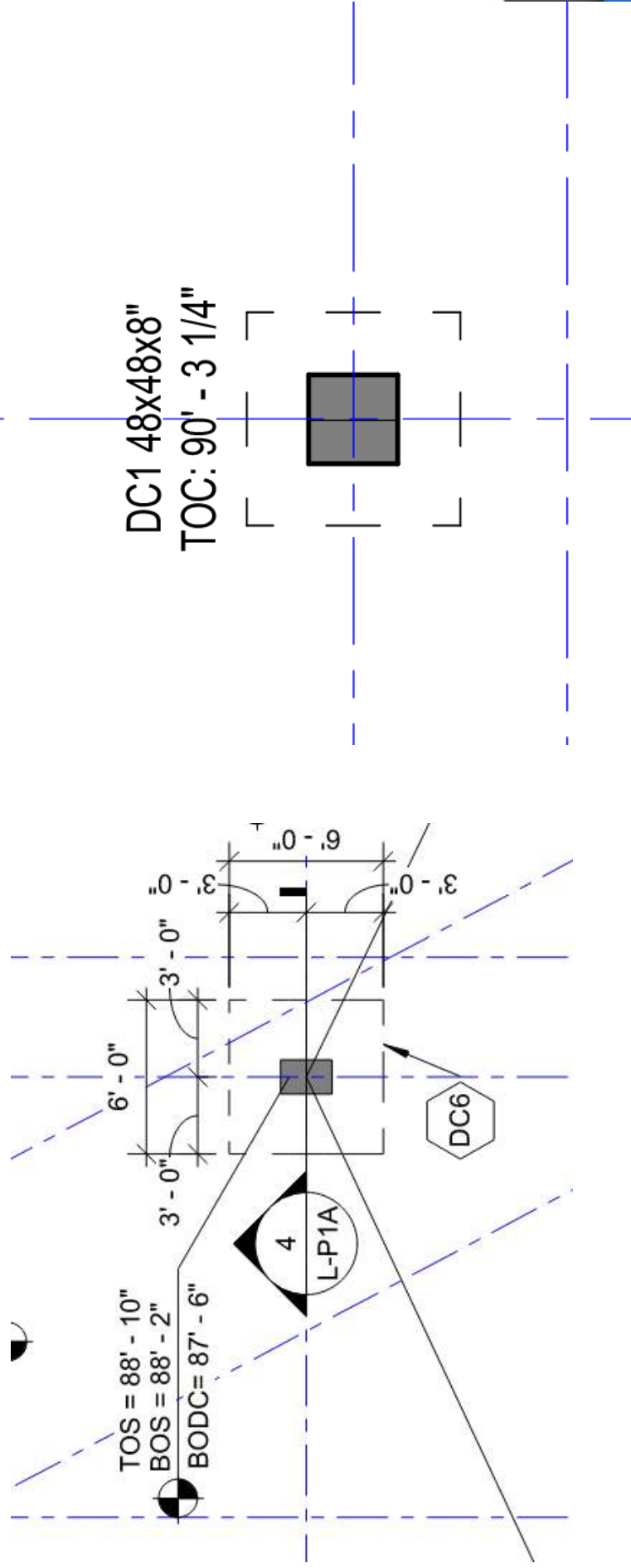
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Formwork System Selection

Dropheads



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Steel Beam and Steel Pan Sizes and Shapes

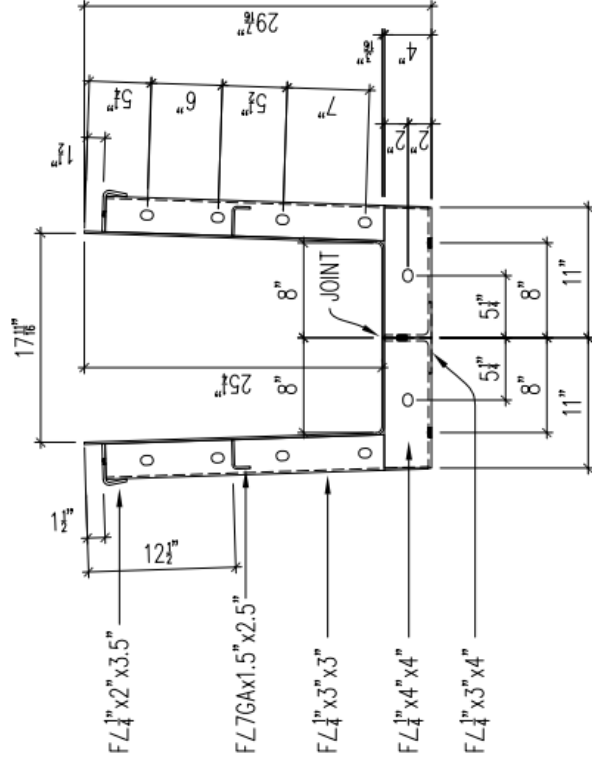


PAN



END CAP

QTY.	CODE	DESCRIPTION
135	001-506	16"X30"X 1'-0" PAN
90	001-505	16"X30"X 2'-0" PAN
45	001-504	16"X30"X 3'-0" PAN
100	001-503	16"X30" END CAP
200	001-760	12"X30" DIAPHRAGM
45	306-012	16"X53"X 1'-0" PAN
30	306-024	16"X53"X 2'-0" PAN
15	306-036	16"X53"X 3'-0" PAN
15	306-048	16"X53"X 4'-0" PAN
60	306-001	16"X53" END CAP
100	303-006	10"X53" DIAPHRAGM
45	301-012	16"X66"X 1'-0" PAN
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Visual Quality

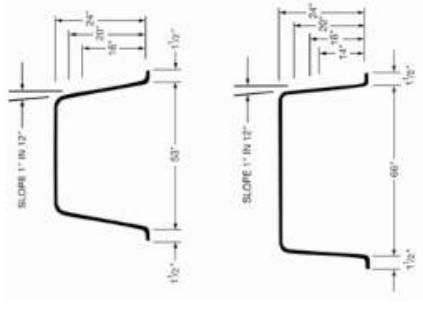
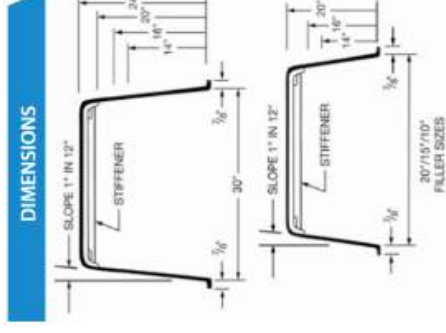


- Higher Quality = Higher Cost
- Does it need to look that nice?
 - Exposed vs. “Critically” Exposed
- Set clear expectations

Formwork System Selection

Stick to Standards

- Discover what industry standards are and use them
 - Call Ceco. We set a lot of the standards
- Custom = Cost



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Formwork System Selection

Pan Types

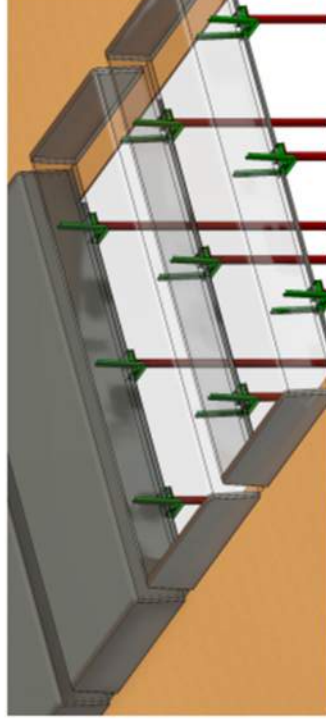
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LONG-FLANGEFORMS



LONGFORMS:

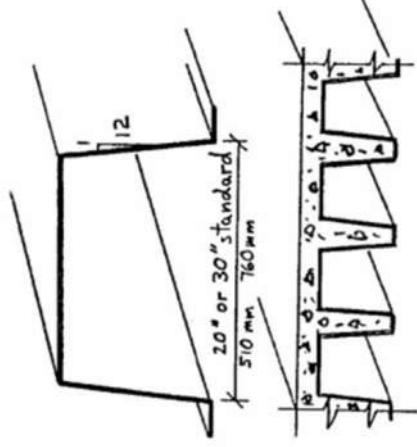
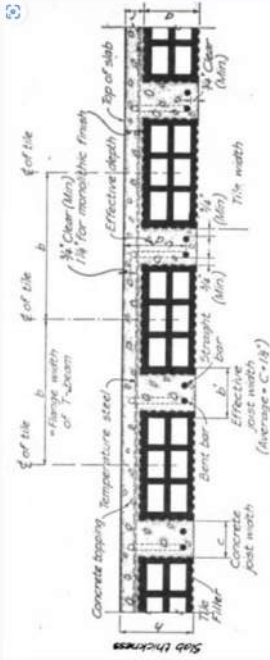


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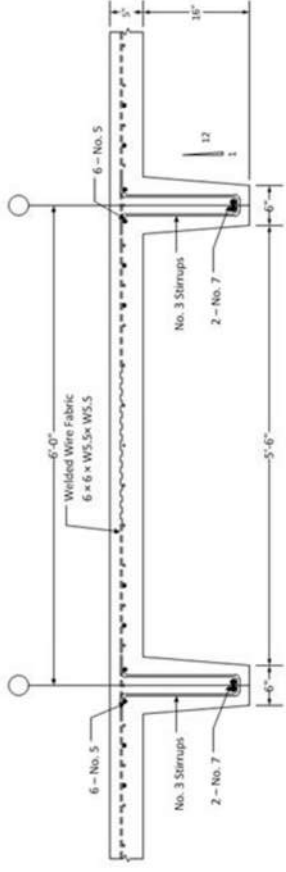
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Formwork System Selection

Pan Evolution



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Flangeform Pan Construction



- Standard Lengths 4', 3', 2', & 1'
- Lots of piece
- Flexible
- Not intended for public view.

Long-Flangeform Pan Construction

- Standard Lengths: 12', 10', 8', & 6'
- Less pieces – Used with Std FF
- Still Flexible
- Less joints = slightly better finish.
- Crane dependent



Longform Pan Construction

- Typically used when finish is important.
- Needs 4-5 uses to offset the cost of making.
- Because it's a one-piece pan there is very little flexibility.
- Approx 60-70% increase in cost on material over Std lap pans (Rental Cost).
- An efficient layout can result in substantial formwork savings (lower building cost)
- Custom depths & widths are available at a cost.

Longform Pan Construction



- One Piece = Not Flexible
- High End Finish



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Longform Pan Construction



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Super Wide Module

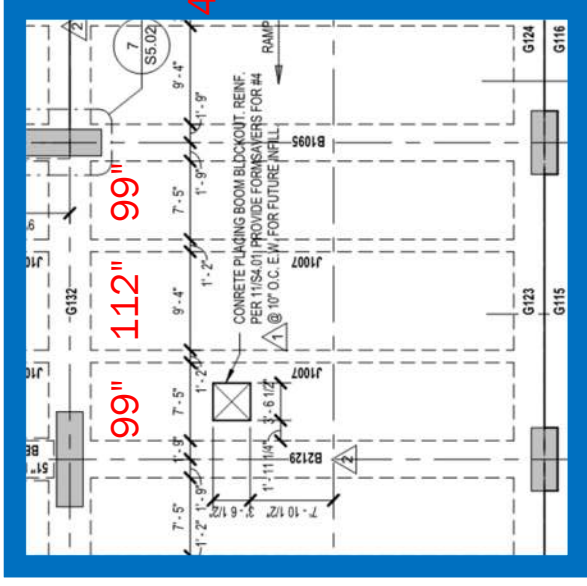
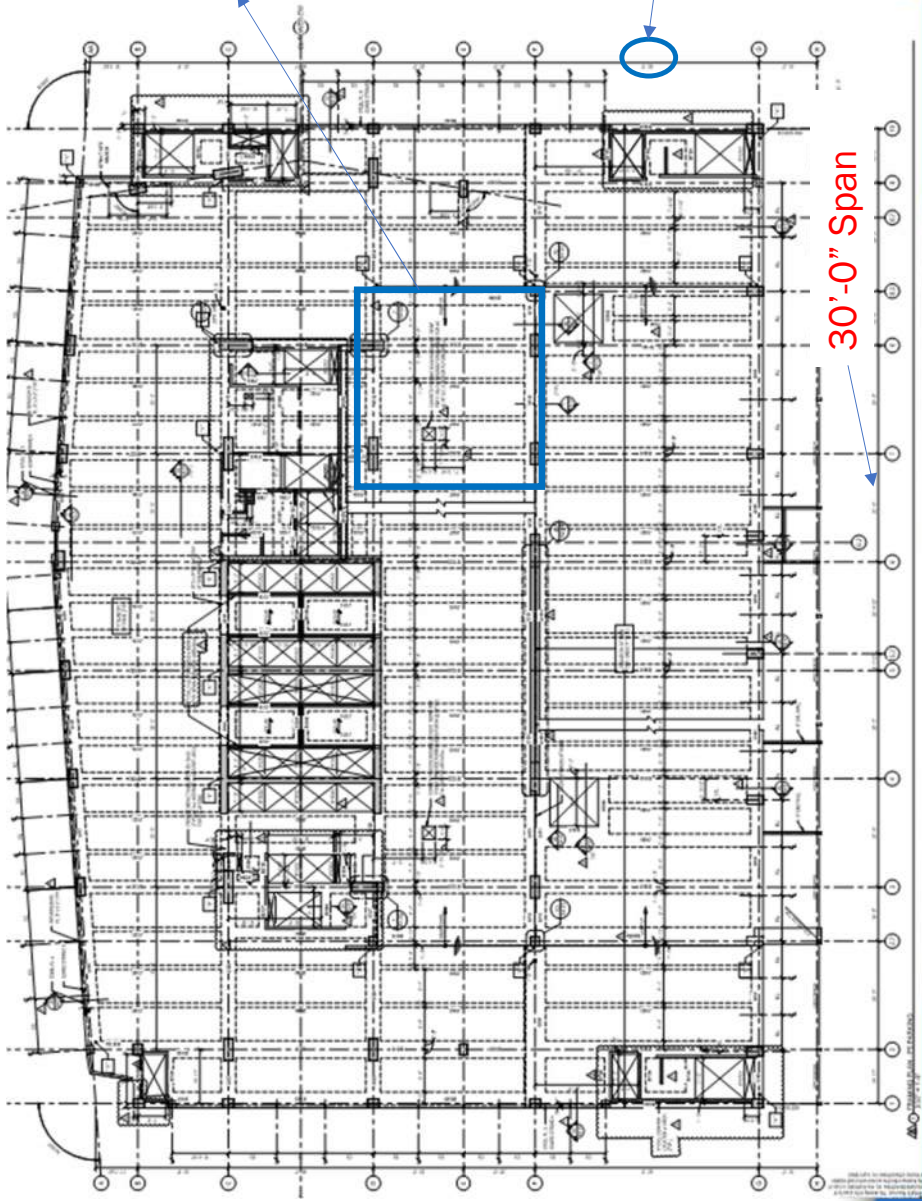
- Started using pans 8 - 10 years ago. Mostly TX, GA, TN, & NC.
- Typ. pan depth is 16" with 5" slabs. Joists are typ. 14" wide.
- Standard Widths: 112", 99", 89" (86" & 76" are less common).
- The design mimics a structural steel building.
- Gateway Hotel in Minneapolis



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Super Wide Module - The Republic - Austin, TX



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Super Wide Module



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Waffle Slab Construction



- Steel vs. Fiberglass
- High End Finish
- Very stiff slabs
- Institutional & Industrial Projects



Structural System Considerations

- **Pour Strips and delayed pours**
- **Relative stiffness of slabs**
- **Constructability of structure related to formwork**

BAY NOT DESIGNED AS CANTILEVER

LEVEL 10
 18" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 185 PSF

LEVEL 9
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 285 PSF

LEVEL 8
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 385 PSF

LEVEL 7
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 485 PSF

LEVEL 6
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 585 PSF

LEVEL 5
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 685 PSF

LEVEL 4
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 785 PSF

LEVEL 2
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 885 PSF

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 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF

TOTAL LOAD = 1010 PSF

LEVEL 00
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF

LOAD WITH NO CANTILEVER OPENING PROJECT DIVISION

- ASSUME 30 DAY POUR BACK FOR POUR STRIP
- DESIGNER'S CONSTRUCTION ASSUMES SHORING CAN BE RELEASED TO TAKE ITS OWN WEIGHT AND THEN RESHORED THEREAFTER
- TOTAL LOAD = CONCRETE DEAD WEIGHT + FORMWORK DEAD LOAD + CONSTRUCTION LIVE LOAD (COMPOUNDING IF NOT RELEASED)
- RESHORING - SLAB FORMWORK IS STRIPPED AND SLAB IS RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO TAKE ITS SELF WEIGHT. THEN RESHORES ARE ADDED TO HELP SUPPORT LEVELS ABOVE. LOAD DOES NOT ACCUMULATE
- BACK SHORING - SLAB IS NEVER RELEASED AND SHORES ARE LEFT IN AND ADDITIONAL SHORES ARE ADDED TO SUPPORT THE LOAD ACCUMULATING FROM POURS ABOVE.

BAY DESIGNED AS CANTILEVER NO DESIGN LIVE LOAD CAPACITY

LEVEL 7
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF
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TOTAL LOAD = 160 PSF

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TOTAL LOAD = 120 PSF

LEVEL 3
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TOTAL LOAD = 80 PSF

LEVEL 2
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TOTAL LOAD = 40 PSF

LEVEL 1
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NO SHORING TO GRADE AFTER LEVEL 7 IS POURED AND LEVEL 4 POUR STRIP IS POURED BACK

LEVEL 00
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF

BAY DESIGNED AS CANTILEVER 40 PSF DESIGN LIVE LOAD CAPACITY

LEVEL 5
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NO SHORING TO GRADE AFTER LEVEL 5 IS POURED

LEVEL 00
 10" SLAB = 100 PSF FILL + 8 PSF

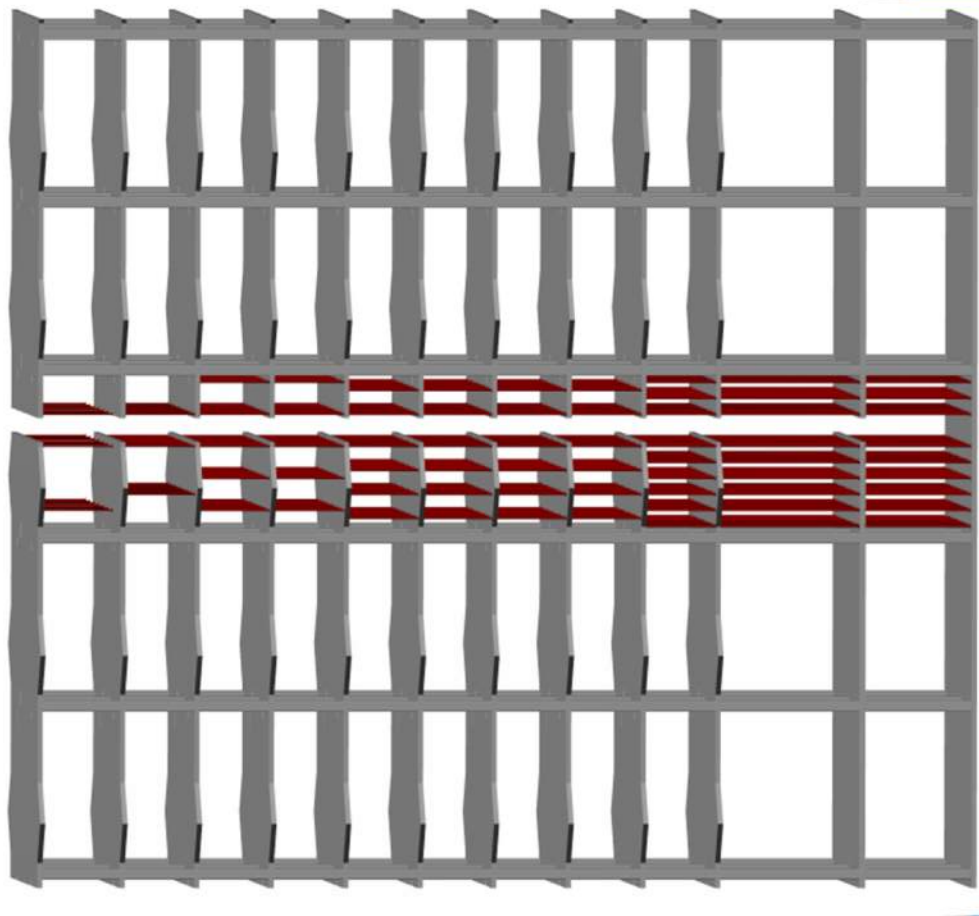


Pour Strips



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Pour Strips

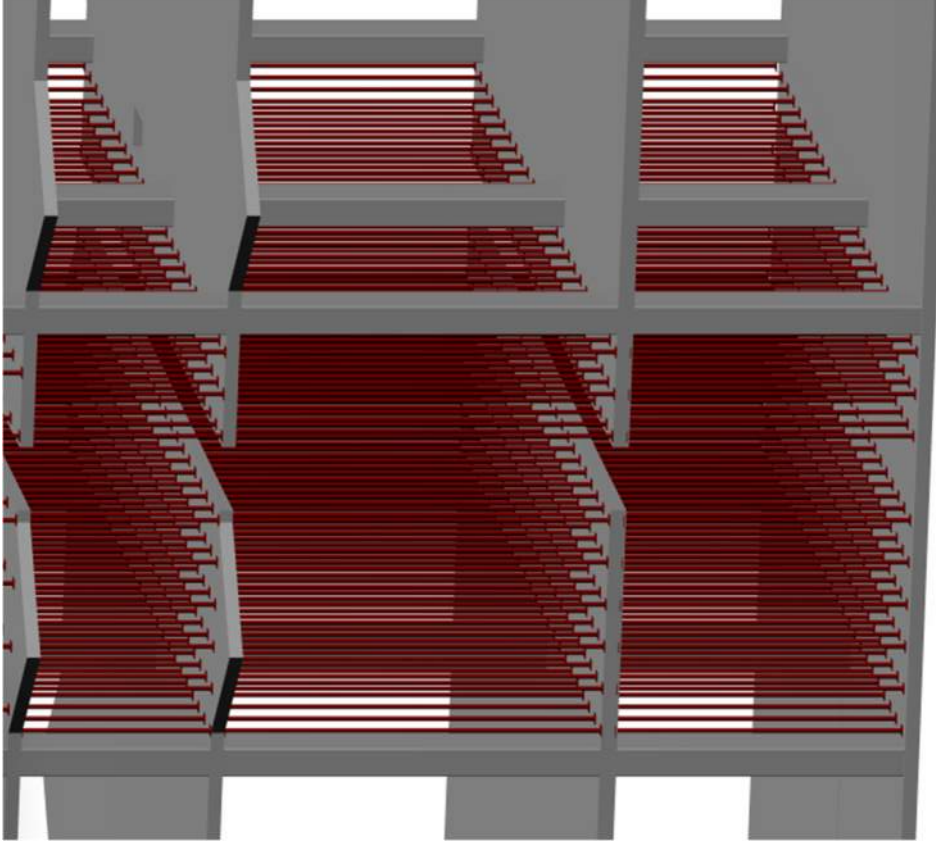


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Pour Strips

- Levels 2-4: 2'X2' Backshore Spacing
 - 1185psf max load in floor
- Levels 5-8: 3'X3' Backshore Spacing
 - 810psf max load in floor
- Levels 9-10: 4'X4' Backshore Spacing
 - 435psf max load in floor
- Level 11: 6'X6' Backshore Spacing
 - 247.5psf max load in floor
- Level 12: Typical Formwork Shore Spacing
 - 153.75psf max load in floor
- Floor Design Live Load: 40psf



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Formwork Failures

Reshoring Issues



Skyline Towers: Alexandria, VA
March 1973
14 Dead



Berkman Plaza 2: Jacksonville,
FL
December 2007
1 Dead, 21 Injured



Quality Built

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Pour Strip Solutions

Self Supporting with no live load capacity

Cantilever Design with full Live load capacity

Mechanical Couplers with full live load capacity

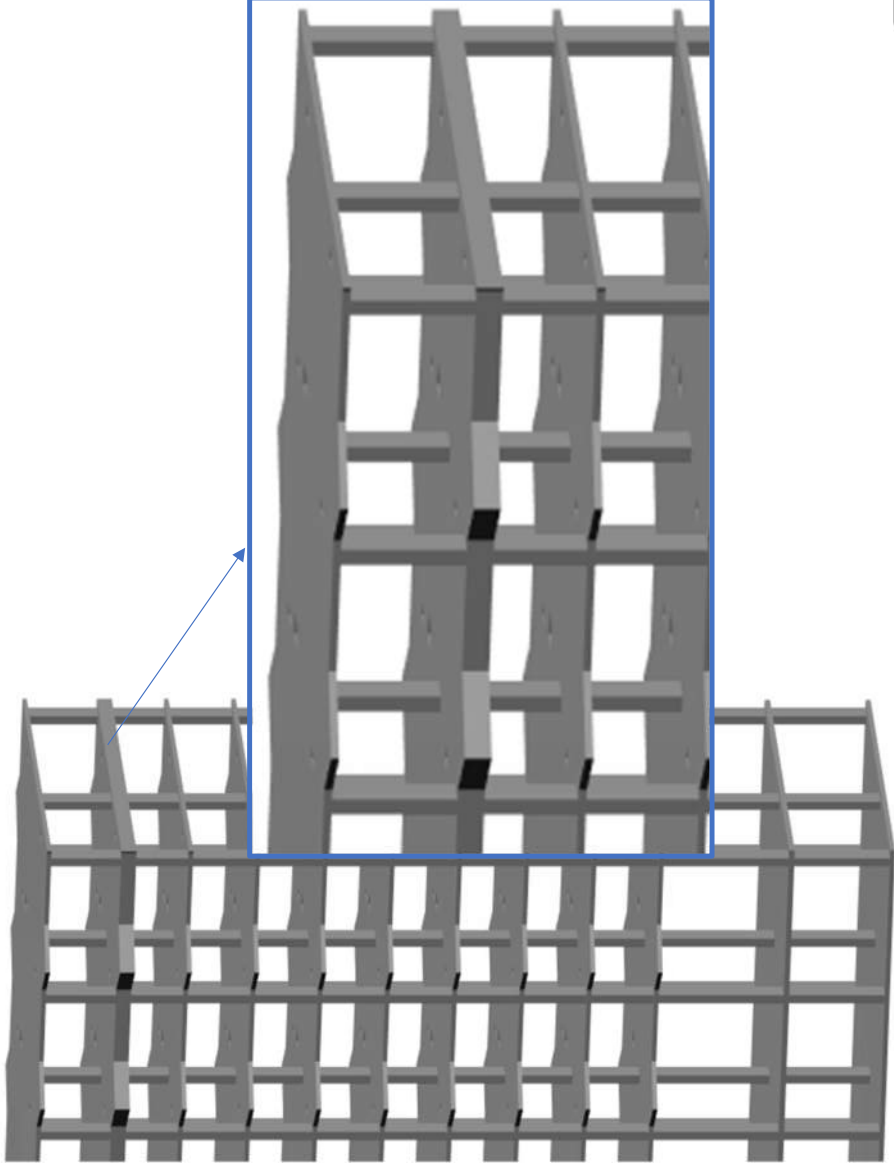


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Relative Stiffness of Slabs

- The stiffness ratio between floors dictates load distribution.
- Stiffer slabs receive a higher portion of the load from adjacent floors.
- Require additional levels of reshore due to difference in stiffness of thick slab vs. typical slab.
- 6+ levels of reshore vs. 2 for a typical slab
- Can affect finish trades lagging behind formwork operations



Concrete Construction Innovation

Reduce Labor

Reduce Materials

Reduce Schedule

Increase Safety



New Technology and Innovation Layout



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Increase Safety



- Perimeter Enclosure Systems
- Wearable Exoskeleton



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New Technology and Innovation

In-House developments



[EZ Quick Release #2 on Vimeo](#)



In Summation...

- **Repeatability and Consistency**
- **Great building design with a construction perspective can lead to low construction costs.**
- **We use innovation to improve labor, increase safety, and increase speed.**
- **Labor is everything!**



Resources

- Resources include Design Guides and tools for Pan Slabs, Parking Structures, Ceco's BIM Capabilities, and More all available online
- Beyond what is available online feel free to reach out to me, or one of our other engineers or project managers
- Available to do in person or virtual Lunch and Learn sessions
- Ryan Brozek, ryan.brozek@cecoconcrete.com, 763-479-9326
- <https://cecoconcrete.com/resources/>

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