

Review about composite constructions

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Abstract

Steel and reinforced concrete parts have been employed in the composite construction for maximizing their qualities for the structure's advantage, as is the case with modern building methods. Composite construction is the industry standard for multi-story non-residential buildings. Thus, things have been for the previous two decades. As a result of this, it has become one of the most widely used materials in the construction industry. This study reviews on composite slabs, composite beams, composite columns, besides composite connectors. Composite beams and slabs have been common in the UK, although composite columns and composite connectors are less common and less well-known.



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Introduction

In the United Kingdom, BS 5950-3-1 (Davison & Owens, 2012) was the standard for the designing composite beams. Profiled steel sheeting was used to create composite slabs in accordance with BS 5950-4 (Johnson, 2004) and BS 5950-6 (Johnson, 2011). Composite column design was not guided by any British standards. For structures, the new standard BS EN 1994-1-1 (Nethercot, 2003) includes composite beams and slabs design. BS 5950-6 (Johnson, 2011) had superseded by BS EN 1993-1 and is no longer in use.

Composite construction is sometimes referred to as a win-win situation because concrete is applicable at compression and steel is applicable at tension. Structurally integrating the dual materials together is recommended in order to achieve a design that is both efficient and lightweight. Composite elements, because of their reduced weight, reduce the forces placed on the supporting elements, such as foundations. The speed at which composite systems can be built is also a significant advantage. Two other benefits of using composite construction to reduce floor depth are lower service costs and a more energy-efficient building envelope (Pastuszak & Muc, 2013), (Pasăre, et al., 2019) (PASĂRE, 2018).

Types of composite beam

Composite beams can be categorized into three main groups. For a given project, it is important to consider all of the essential elements.

Downstand beams

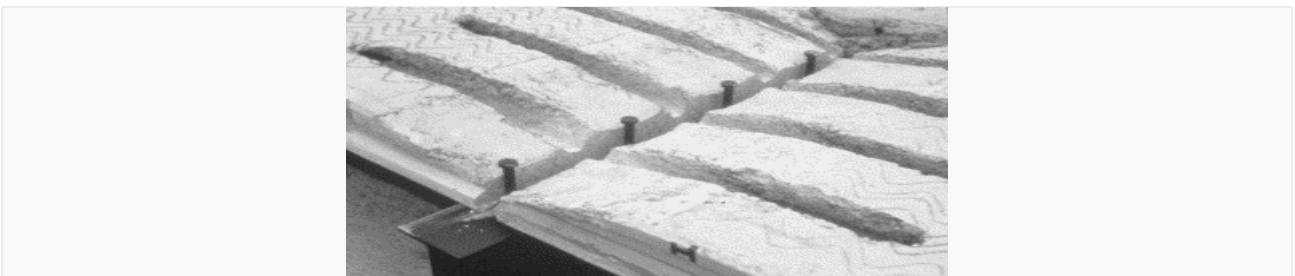


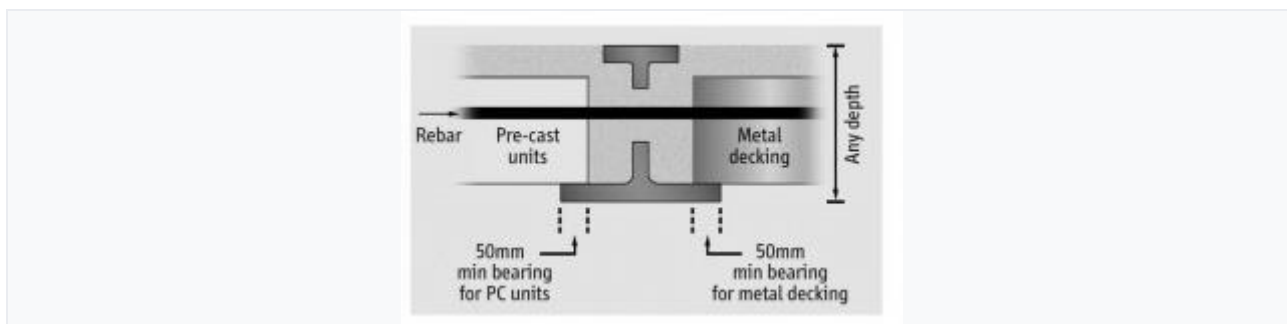
Figure 1. Reinforcement and in-situ concrete are ready to be applied to the exposed ends of prefabricated units.

The using welded shear pins to connect the composite slab to the downstand beam is an essential component of the most popular category of composite beam. During the composite stage, the decking serves as an outer reinforcement; during building, it serves as formwork and an employed platform. It can also limit the beams laterally during construction. After it has been bundled, the decking must be raised and distributed by hand. Crane lifts are drastically decreased when compared to a precast solution. SCI P300, a best practice guide, goes into greater detail about decking placement mechanisms. In a typical non-composite steel framed structure, the higher flange for steel beam is supported by precast concrete slabs. An effective span of 6 to 12 m makes this type of flooring solution a feasible alternative to many concrete flooring options. Special care must be taken with the shear connection when using the precast body as a component for concrete compression flange. SCI P401 is a good resource for more facts.

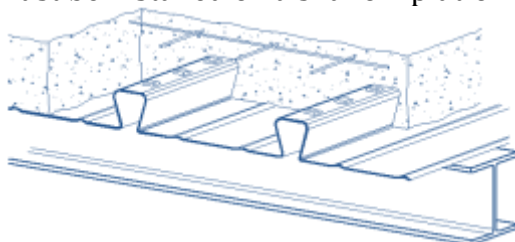
Long span solutions

Long-span requirements can be met using a variety of downstand beam configurations. Rolled downstand beam, A 'standard' solid web does not allow for greater spans of 20 meters or more.

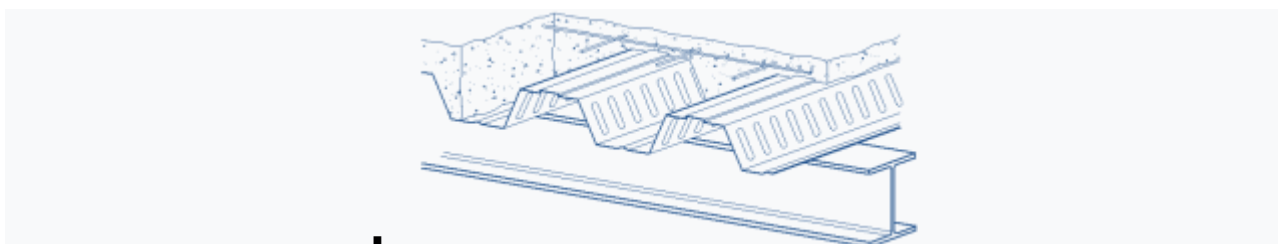
Shallow floor solutions



Reinforced concrete is poured on upper profiled steel decking that serves as both formwork and exterior reinforcement throughout constructing. Slabs made of various materials. The illustration below shows a deck with trapezoidal or re-entrant decking. "Deep decking" refers to decking having a depth of more than 200 millimeters. Additional reinforcing bars can be put into the troughs for decks that are very deep. Because of their high weight and long-lasting fire resistance, these materials must be installed on a shallow platform.



Re-entrant decking



Trapezoidal decking

Unique deck geometry with an 80 mm trapezoidal cross-section is not a new concept. Many other thicknesses are available for galvanized steel, but one millimeter is the most typical. It is necessary to utilize stiffeners to prevent local buckling when using bare steel segments for supporting a wet weight of concrete and other construction loads. Soffit hangers for light-weight products can be supported by re-entrant stiffeners, as seen at the top of the decking. For interlock, concrete is trapped around the decking profiles re-entrant areas by rolling in embellishments (dimples). It is impossible to create a standard decking profile, so each proprietary deck has its own unique combination of embossments and other elements. This is confirmed by the manufacturer of the deck, who conducts testing.

Composite columns

Composite columns can be set up in a variety of ways, as depicted in the diagram below. Steel and concrete's comparative strengths make these parts appealing, as do those of other composites. Greater use of floor space can be made possible by producing high friction with small cross-sectional areas. They are also excellent in the event of a fire.

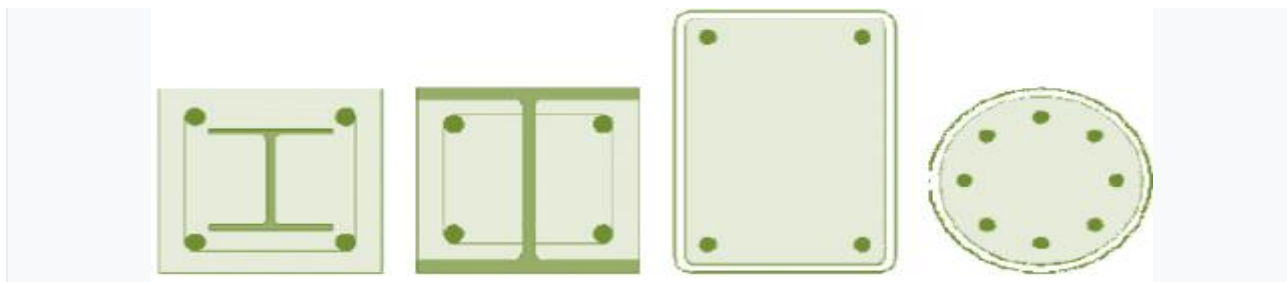


Figure 2. Classic composite column cross sections

Designing criteria for composite columns in physical frames are provided in BS EN 1994-1-1 (Nethercot, 2003). That composite columns have been used so infrequently previously may be explained by the inclusion of instructions in the United Kingdom's first usage code. Fully or "partially enclosed" (only web infill) composite H sections, as well as concrete-filled hollow sections, each have their own set of criteria. A variety of cross sections are shown. When it comes to construction, using compound columns that require formwork is not considered economical in the UK.

Concrete-filled hollow sections do not require any formwork and use less material than a comparable H section for compression members. Concrete infill decreases buckling in compression-resistant steel sections by distributing the load. A column's fire resistance may be of similar relevance if it can be left unprotected or only minimally sheltered. Temperature rise is substantially slowed by the latent heat of infill concrete evaporation. There are hollow pieces in the shape of rectangles and circles. End plate beam-to-column connecting benefit from having flat faces when using rectangular sections (using Flowdrill or Holo-bolt connecting). Standard fin plates is used in specific outline.

FireSoft software may now be used to construct concrete-filled hollow sections in both ambient and intensity conditions. Shallow floors are an excellent choice to consider if you want to reduce the overall height of your structure while increasing the number of floors. A downstand beam is no longer necessary because the soffit is fully flat, which eliminates the requirement for it in the distribution of services below the floor. When planning a given project, they should be taken into consideration to identify when they are most useful. Due to the fact that there are only a few structural components, the floors are very low in height. While asymmetrical steel beams have a bigger bottom flange than a top flange, downstand beams require the slab to be supported by the upper surface of the top frame, which is not achievable with downstand beam. Precast concrete and metal decking are two choices for the slab's surface (either deep decking or shallow can be employed). It is also possible to produce composite contact between beams and slabs in particular forms of shallow floor construction.

Kloeckner Metals UK Westok's Ultra Shallow Floor Beams (USFB) and ArcelorMittal's Slim Floor solutions are among the choices. The Kloeckner Metals UK Westok's USFB technology uses an asymmetrical Westok cellular beam to bind the slab to the beam. 'Plug Composite Action' can be used to boost the capacity of USFBs, as demonstrated in full-scale laboratory testing. To get 'Plug Composite Action' going, you'll need to put these details into action: Concrete poured at or above the top flange of a metal-decked composite slab. At least 50 millimeters beyond the top flange of most precast units, the top level needs be in place before the unit may be cast.

Hollow core units: Each second core is cracked and reinforced with concrete throughout a cell. Flange-to-flange solid concrete slabs poured on-site. For a fraction of the cost of RCC Flat Slabs,

you can span up to ten meters with USFBs, thanks to their superior structural depth. As a result, they're used in a wide variety of settings, from commercial to domestic.

Composite connections

Although design rules (SCI P213) exist, composite connections are not extensively employed in UK (or Europe). They give the impression to be an excellent option because they can be used to restrict the installation of additional bolt rows in a lengthy end plate. If too much or too little reinforcing rebar is used, both the ductility (the ability to withstand rotation) as well as the strength and stiffness of the composite connection are compromised. It's possible that research in Europe will lead to specific guidelines included in a revised version of BS EN 1994-1-1 (Nethercot, 2003) anticipated for around 2025, which would allow the intrinsically appealing qualities of composite connections to be more widely utilized.

Conclusions

Steel and reinforced concrete parts are used in the composite construction method in order to maximize their qualities for the structure's advantage, as is the case with modern building methods. Its form enables it to give effective support at both the top and bottom because to its shape. The negative is that it's not very good at carrying torsion, since hollow constructions are preferred in this situation. Steel is used for the beams because it is the best material to use. In addition to composite connections, this study focuses on composite slabs, composite beams, and composite columns. Composite beams and slabs are prevalent in the United Kingdom, although composite columns and composite connectors are less prevalent and less well-known.

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