

**11.8.5 Example Problem – Reinforced Masonry Shear Wall (Strength Design)**

This example problem is a variation of example 3K on page 95 of the book entitled "Reinforced Masonry Engineering Handbook - Clay and Concrete Masonry" by James Amrhein<sup>(11-27)</sup>. Determine if the CMU shear wall shown in Figure 11-27 is adequate for the following vertical and seismic loads. Use strength design UBC 97.

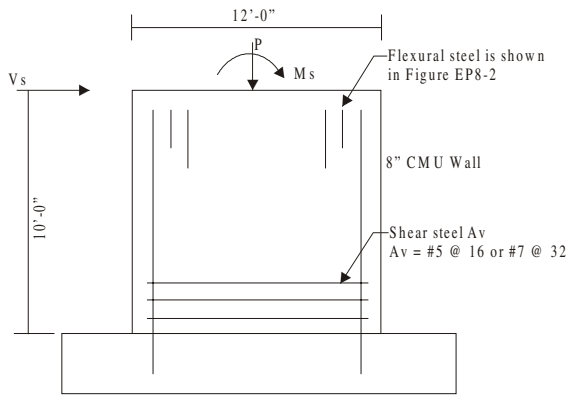


Figure 11-27. Elevation of Shear Wall

Loads: Dead Load = 30 kips  
 Live Load = 0 kips  
 Lateral Shear Force ( $V_E$ ) = 75 kips  
 Seismic Moment ( $M_E$ ) = 400 kip-ft

Load Factors:  $U = 1.2D + 1.6L$   
 $U = 1.2D + 0.5L + 1.0E$   
 $U = 0.9D \pm 1.0E$

Reduction Factors:  $\phi = 0.65$  Axial  
 $\phi = 0.65$  Axial plus flexure  
 $\phi = 0.80$  Flexure only  
 $\phi = 0.60$  Shear

**Wall Properties:**

Wall is fully grouted ( $M_n \geq 1.8 M_{cr}$ )  
 Normal block thickness = 8 inch  
 Actual block thickness ( $b$ ) = 7.625 inch  
 Length of wall ( $L$ ) = 12 ft  
 Specified compressive strength ( $f'_m$ ) = 1500 psi  
 Modulus of rupture ( $f_r$ ) =  $4.0 \sqrt{f'_m}$

Maximum usable masonry strain ( $e_{mu}$ ) = 0.003  
 Modulus of elasticity of CMU ( $E_m$ ) =  $750f'_m$   
 Shear modulus of masonry ( $G$ ) =  $0.4E_m$   
 Specified yield strength of steel ( $f_y$ ) = 60 ksi  
 Modulus of elasticity of steel ( $E_s$ ) =  $29 \times 10^6$  psi

**SOLUTION OUTLINE:**

- A. Interaction diagram (generate/draw)
- B. Cracking moment strength ( $M_{cr}$ )
- C. Load cases (axial plus flexure)
- D. Boundary members
- E. Shear

**A. Interaction Diagram**

1. Nominal axial load strength ( $P_o$ )  
 $P_o = 0.85 f'_m (A_e - A_s) + f_y A_s$   
 $= 0.85 (1.5 \text{ ksi}) [12 \text{ ft} (12 \text{ in/ft}) (7.625 \text{ in}) - 10 \text{ bars} (0.31 \text{ in}^2/\text{bar})] + 60 \text{ ksi} (10 \text{ bars}) (0.31 \text{ in}^2/\text{bar})$   
 $= 1581.99 \text{ kips}$
2. Design axial load strength ( $P_u$ )  
 $P_u = \phi (0.80) (P_o)$   
 $= 0.65 (0.80) (1581.99 \text{ kips})$   
 $= 822.64 \text{ kips}$

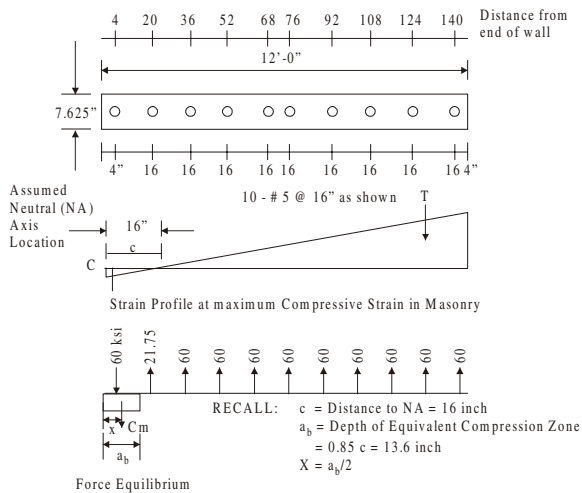


Figure 11-28. Steel locations, strain profile and force equilibrium diagrams

3. Nominal bending moment strength ( $M_o$ ): See Figure 11-28.

Must solve for location of neutral axis (NA) such that sum of axial forces on cross section is zero.

- \_ Assume location for NA;  $c = 16$  inch.
- \_ Use maximum allowable CMU strain of 0.003.
- \_ Iterative solution.
  - \_ Take sum of moments about extreme compression fiber (end of wall).

$$T = A_s f_s = [21.75 \text{ ksi} + 8(60 \text{ ksi})](0.31 \text{ in}^2) = 155 \text{ kips}$$

$$C = A_s f_s + \phi f_m' b a_b = 0.31 \text{ in}^2 (60 \text{ ksi}) + 0.85 (1.5 \text{ ksi})(7.625 \text{ in})(13.6 \text{ in}) = 150.82 \text{ kips}$$

$$T - C = 4 \text{ kips close enough use } c = 16''.$$

$$M_o = A_s f_y - 0.85 f_m' b a_b$$

$$M_o = 0.31 \text{ in}^2 [21.75(20) + 60(36 + 52 + 68 + 76 + 92 + 108 + 124 + 140)] - 0.31 \text{ in}^2 \times (60)(4)$$

$$0.85(1.5)(13.6)^2(1/2)(7.625) = 13080.4 - 74.4 - 899 = 12,107 \text{ k-in} = 1009 \text{ k-ft}$$

#### 4. Design bending moment strength ( $M_u$ )

$$M_u = 0.80 M_o = 0.80(1009 \text{ k-ft}) = 807.2 \text{ k-ft}$$

#### 5. Nominal balanced design axial strength ( $P_b$ ): See Figure 11-29.

$$C_m = 0.85 f_m' b a_b$$

Where:

$$a_b = \left[ \frac{e_{mu}}{e_{mu} + \frac{f_y}{E_s}} \right] d$$

$$= 0.85 \left[ \frac{0.003}{0.003 + 60/29000} \right] d$$

$$= 0.85(0.5918)d$$

$$= 0.503(140 \text{ inch})$$

$$= 70.43 \text{ inch}$$

Recall:

$$c = \text{Distance to NA} = a_b / 0.85 = 70.428 / 0.85 = 82.86 \text{ in}$$

$$T = \Sigma A_s f_y = 0.31 \text{ in}^2 (9.6 + 26.4 + 43.2 + 60) \text{ ksi} = 43.2 \text{ kips}$$

Now:

$$C = \Sigma A_s f_y + 0.85 f_m' b a_b = 0.31 \text{ in}^2 (7.2 + 15.6 + 32.4 + 49.2 + 60 + 60) \text{ ksi} + 0.85(1.5)(7.625)(70.428) = 69.56 + 684.69 = 754.25$$

Thus:

$$P_b = C - T = 754.25 - 43.2 = 711 \text{ kips}$$

#### 6. Design balanced design axial strength ( $P_{bu}$ )

$$P_{bu} = \phi P_b = 0.65 (711 \text{ kips}) = 462 \text{ kips}$$

#### 7. Nominal balanced design moment strength ( $M_b$ ): See Figure 11-29. Take sum of moments about plastic centroid (center of wall):

$$M_b = A_s f_y - 0.85 f_m' a_b X_b b$$

$$= 0.31 [60(68) + 43.2(52) + 26.4(36) + 9.6(20) - 7.2(4) + 15.6(4) + 32.4(20) + 49.2(36) + 52(60) + 68(60)] + 0.85(1.5)(70.428)(36.76)(7.625) = 5308 + 25169 = 30477 \text{ k-in} = 2540 \text{ k-ft}$$

#### 8. Design balanced design moment strength ( $M_{bu}$ )

$$M_{bu} = \phi M_b = 0.65(2540 \text{ k-ft}) = 1651 \text{ k-ft}$$

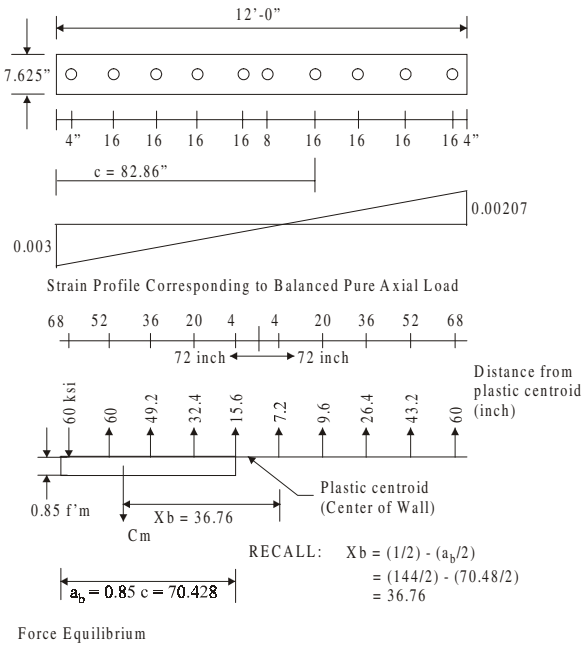


Figure 11-29. Balanced design load condition

**B. Cracking moment strength**

- Linearly elastic model
- Gross section properties

$$(P/A) + M_{cr}/S = f_r$$

Thus:

$$M_{cr} = S[(P/A) + f_r]$$

Where:

$$A = bl = 7.625(144) = 1098 \text{ in}^2$$

$$s = b^2/6 = 7.625^2/6 = 26,352 \text{ in}^3$$

$$f_r = 4.0 \sqrt{f'_m} = 4.0(1500)^{1/2} = 155 \text{ psi}$$

$$P = \text{Dead Load} = 30,000 \text{ lbs}$$

Thus:

$$M_{cr} = 26352[(30000/1098) + 155][(1/1000)(k/1b)]$$

$$= 4804.6 \text{ k-in}$$

$$= 400 \text{ k-ft}$$

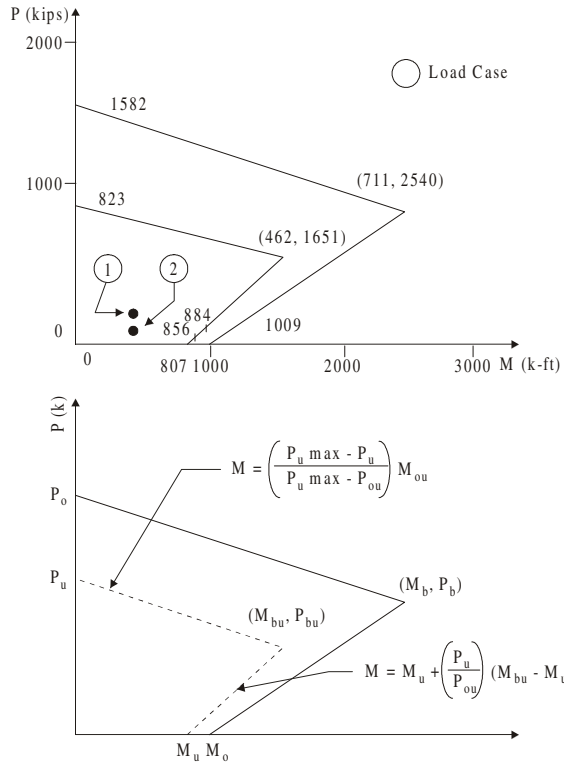


Figure 11-30. Interaction Diagram

**C. Load Cases (See Figure 11-30)**

Load Case 1:

$$U = 12D + 1.0E$$

$$= 1.42D + 1.0E_h$$

Therefore;

$$U = 1.42(30) + 1.0(400)$$

$$= 42.6 \text{ kips} + 400 \text{ k-ft}$$

From Figure 11-30:  
 $P_u = 42.6 \text{ kips} < P_{bu} = 462 \text{ kips}$

Thus:

$$P_{bu}/(M_{bu} - M_u) = P_u/M_x$$

$$M_x = (P_u/P_{bu})(M_{bu} - M_u)$$

$$M_n = M_u + M_x$$

$$= M_u + (P_u/P_{bu})(M_{bu} - M_u)$$

$$= 807 \text{ k-ft} + (42.6/462)(1651 - 807)$$

$$= 884.8 \text{ k-ft Nominal Flexural Moment}$$

Strength

Note: 884.8 k-ft > 400 k-ft OK

Note:  $M/M_{cr} = 884.8/400 = 2.2 > 1.8$  OK  
(recall fully grouted wall)

Load Case 2:

$$U = 0.90D + 1.0E$$

$$U = 0.90(30) + 1.0(400)$$

$$= 27 \text{ kips} + 400 \text{ k-ft}$$

From Figure 11-30:  $P_u = 27 \text{ kips} < P_{bu} = 462$

Thus:

$$M_n = 807 + (27/462)(1651 - 807)$$

$$= 856 \text{ k-ft}$$

Note:

$$M_n/M_{cr} = 856/400 = 2.14 > 1.8 \dots \text{OK}$$

D. Boundary Elements

Section 2108.2.5.6 of the 1997 UBC states that:

*"Boundary members shall be provided at the boundaries of shear walls when the compressive strains in the wall exceed 0.0015. The strain shall be determined using factored forces and  $R_w$  equal to 1.5"*

Note that there is an error in the code since it refers to the obsolete  $R_w$  factor, which has been replaced by the R factor in the 1997 UBC. By comparing the values of the new R factor with the old  $R_w$  factor, one can conclude that the boundary member requirements should be calculated using an R of 1.1. Since the design forces for the bearing wall were calculated with an R factor of 4.5, the factored loads must be multiplied by  $4.5/1.1 = 4.09$  in order to determine if the moment capacity of the wall at a maximum compressive strain of 0.0015 is less than that required for boundary members.

To calculate the moment capacity at a maximum compressive strain of 0.0015, we can assume a linear compressive stress-strain relationship for the masonry. So, using a linear strain model,  $f_m = 0.75f'_m$  for a strain of 0.0015: See figure 11-31.

– Must solve for neutral axis (c)

– Trial and error solution  
– Take moments about plastic centroid

Load Case 1:

$$U = 1.2D + 1.0E$$

$$= 1.42D + 1.0E_h$$

( $P_u = 42.6 \text{ kips}$  and  $M_u = 400 \text{ k-ft}$ )

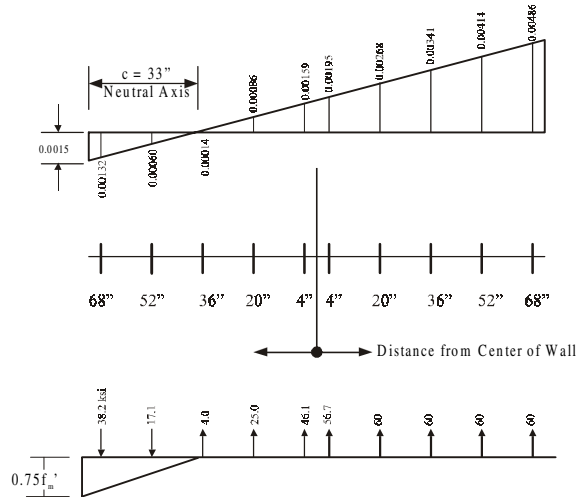


Figure 11-31. Stress/Strain relationship for determining boundary elements in masonry

By trial and error select depth to neutral axis, NA = 33.0 inches (See Figure 11-31 for stress and strain diagrams).

$$T = A_s f_s$$

$$= 0.31(4(60) + 56.7 + 46.1 + 25 + 4)$$

$$= 115.3 \text{ kips}$$

$$C = A'_s f'_s + 0.75 f'_m c b / 2$$

$$= 0.31(38.2 + 17.1)$$

$$+ 0.75(1.5)(33)(7.625)(1/2)$$

$$= 158.7 \text{ kips}$$

$$C - T = 43.4 \text{ kips} (P_u = 42.6 \text{ kips}) \dots \text{OK}$$

Use: NA = 33.0 inches

Take moments about the center of the wall centroid to determine moment corresponding to  $0.75f'_m$ . If  $4.09M_u$  is less than  $M_n$  confinement of vertical steel is not required.

$$M_n = A_s f_s (\text{dist. to Center of Wall})$$

$$+ 0.75 f'_m (c/2)(L/2 - c/3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0.31[68(38.2) + 52(17.1) - 36(4.0) \\
 &\quad - 20(25) - 4(46.1) + 4(56.7) \\
 &\quad + 60(20+36+52+ 68)] \\
 &\quad + 0.75(1.5)(33/2)[(144/2) - (33/3)] \\
 &= 441.7 \text{ k-ft} < 4.09M_u = 1636 \text{ k-ft}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

Boundary Elements Required.

### E. Shear

#### 1. Shear Demand

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Recall : } V_u &> \phi V_n \\
 V_u &> \phi (V_m + V_s) \\
 V_u &= 1.0V_E \\
 &= 1.0(75 \text{ kips}) \\
 &= 75 \text{ kips}
 \end{aligned}$$

#### 2. Shear strength with only CMU (no shear steel)

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_n &= V_m (V_s = 0) \\
 &= C_d A_{mv} (f'_m)^{1/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_d &\propto M/Vd \\
 d &= 12 \text{ ft} - (4/12)\text{ft} = 11.67 \text{ ft} \\
 V &= 75 \text{ kips} \\
 M &= 400 \text{ k-ft} \\
 M/Vd &= 400/[75(11.67)] = 0.46 \text{ (from} \\
 &\text{Figure 10-26: } C_d = 2.06) \\
 A_{mv} &= l_w b = 144 \text{ in}(7.625 \text{ in}) = 1098 \text{ in}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Now:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_n &= C_d A_{mv} \sqrt{f'_m} ; C_d = 2.06 \\
 V_n &= 2.06 \times 1098 \text{ in}^2 (1500 \text{ psi})^{1/2} / 1000 \text{ lb/k} \\
 &= 87.6 \text{ kips} \\
 V_u &> \phi V_n \\
 \phi V_n &= 0.60(87.6 \text{ kips}) \\
 &= 52.6 \text{ kips} \\
 V_u &= 75 > 52.6 \text{ ...NG shear reinforcement} \\
 &\text{required}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Design shear reinforcement to carry total shear (at least majority, authors preference)

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_u &= \phi V_n = \phi V_s \dots\dots (V_m = 0) \\
 V_u &= A_{mv} \rho_n f_y \phi
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_n &= V_u / A_{mv} f_y \phi \\
 &= 75 \text{ kips} / (1098 \text{ in}^2)(60 \text{ k/in}^2)(0.60) \\
 &= 0.0019
 \end{aligned}$$

Now:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_v &= 0.0019(12 \text{ in})(7.625 \text{ in}) \\
 &= 0.174 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft}
 \end{aligned}$$

USE: # 5 @ 16 in. o.c.

$$(A_v = 0.23 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft} > 0.174 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft})$$

Thus, the steel can carry all the shear

#### 4. Shear strength of steel only:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi V_s &= \rho_n A_{mn} f_y \phi \\
 &= \frac{0.23(1098 \text{ in}^2)(60 \text{ ksi})(0.60)}{(12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}})(7.625 \text{ in})} = 99.36 \text{ kips}
 \end{aligned}$$

#### 5. Bottom ( $L_w$ ) of wall

Shear strength of steel only with  $\phi=0.85$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_s &= 99.36 \left( \frac{0.85}{0.60} \right) \\
 &= 140.76 \text{ kips} > 75 \text{ kips} \quad \text{OK}
 \end{aligned}$$

Table 11-10. Total Design Base Shear for 3-Story Building Wood Structural Panel Bearing Wall System

Notes	Item/Description	Total Design Base Shear (V) Seismic Zone and Factor				
		1	2A	2B	3	4
		0.075	0.15	0.20	0.30	0.40
1	Cv	0.18	0.32	0.40	0.54	0.64Nv
	I	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	R	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
2	T EQ. 10-10E	0.256	0.256	0.256	0.256	0.256
	Ca	0.12	0.22	0.28	0.36	0.44Na
3	Nv	-	-	-	-	1.2
3	Na	-	-	-	-	1.0
4	V EQ. 11-10A	0.128W	0.227W	0.284W	0.384W	0.545W
4	V EQ. 11-10B	0.055W*	0.10W*	0.127W*	0.164W*	0.20W*
4	V EQ. 11-10C	0.013W	0.024W	0.031W	0.039W	0.048W
4	V EQ. 11-10D	-	-	-	-	0.070W

- Notes: 1. Soil profile type D  
2.  $T = C_t (h_n)^{3/4} = 0.256$  sec  
For  $C_t = 0.020$   
 $h_n = 30$  feet  
3. Seismic source B  
Closest distance to seismic source = 5km  
4. \* = Governs

Table 11-11. Total Design Base Shear for 3-Story Building Masonry Shear Wall Bearing Wall System

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	I	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	R	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
2	T EQ. 10-10E	0.256	0.256	0.256	0.256	0.256
	Ca	0.12	0.22	0.28	0.36	0.44Na
3	Nv	-	-	-	-	1.2
3	Na	-	-	-	-	1.0
4	V EQ. 11-10A	0.156W	0.278W	0.347W	0.469W	0.67W
4	V EQ. 11-10B	0.067W	0.122W*	0.156W*	0.20W*	0.244W*
4	V EQ. 11-10C	0.013	0.024W	0.031W	0.039W	0.048W
4	V EQ. 11-10D	-	-	-	-	0.085W

- Notes: 1. Soil profile type D  
2. \* = Governs