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Handelsbezeichnung

Trade name

STEKO Holz-Bausystem

STEKO – Modular construction system in wood

Zulassungsinhaber

Holder of approval

STEKO Holz-Bausysteme AG

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Zulassungsgegenstand und
 Verwendungszweck

*Generic type and use of
 construction product*

Baukastensystem

Modular construction system

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 2. *dem Vorarlberger Bauproduktengesetz, LGBl. Nr. 33/1994, in der Fassung LGBl. Nr. 65/2000, LGBl. Nr. 12/2010 und LGBl. Nr. 6/2011;*
the Vorarlberg Construction Products Law, LGBl. № 33/1994, amended by LGBl. № 65/2000, LGBl. № 12/2010 and LGBl. № 6/2011;
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¹ Official Journal of the European Communities № L 40, 11.02.1989, page 12

² Official Journal of the European Communities № L 220, 30.08.1993, page 1

³ Official Journal of the European Union № L 284, 31.10.2003, page 1

⁴ Official Journal of the European Communities № L 17, 20.01.1994, page 34

1.1.4 Hardwood dowels

The hardwood dowels which are mounted to guarantee alignment of the modules as well as compound in longitudinal direction are made of poplar. They shall be free of significant knots, abnormal direction of grain and significant reaction wood, fissures, rot, mould and insect infestation.

1.1.5 Reinforcement

Reinforcement for STEKO – modular construction system shall be reinforced e.g. by coverings or vertical battens or in other appropriate manner. They shall be connected to the substructure in an appropriate manner.

Transfer of normal forces from vertical loads shall be excluded according to plan.

1.1.6 Thermal insulation products

Thermal insulation products such as cellulose material etc. shall conform to a harmonised European standard or a European technical approval and do not contribute to the load bearing characteristics of the STEKO – modular construction system.

The thermal insulation products are not subject to the European technical approval.

1.1.7 Concrete

Concrete shall conform to a harmonised European standard and does not contribute to the load bearing characteristics of the STEKO – modular construction system.

The concrete is not subject to the European technical approval.

1.1.8 Ballast weight

Ballast weight such as sand etc. shall conform to a harmonised European standard or a European technical approval and do not contribute to the load bearing characteristics of the STEKO – modular construction system.

The ballast weight is not subject to the European technical approval.

1.2 Intended use

The STEKO – modular construction system is intended to be used in load-bearing and non load-bearing interior and exterior walls of buildings with a maximum of 3 storeys and a maximum distance between floors of 3.04 m.

The product shall be subjected to static and quasi static actions only.

The product is intended to be used in service classes 1 and 2 according to EN 1995-1-1. Members which are directly exposed to the weather shall be provided with an effective protection for the product in service.

The provisions made in the European technical approval (ETA) are based on an assumed intended working life for the STEKO – modular construction system of 50 years, provided the requirements for packaging, transport, and storage as well as use, maintenance and repair given in Clauses 4 and 5 are fulfilled. The indications given on the working life for the STEKO – modular construction system cannot be interpreted as a guarantee given by the manufacturer or by the Approval Body, but are to be regarded only as a means for selecting the appropriate product in relation to the expected, economically reasonable working life of the construction works.

2 Characteristics of product and methods of verification

2.1 Characteristics of product

2.1.1 STEKO – modular construction system

2.1.1.1 General

The elements of the STEKO – modular construction system corresponds to the information and drawings given in Annex 1. The performance characteristics data of the product are given in Annex 2, Table 1.

The dimensions of the product are specific to the project.

The material characteristics, dimensions, and tolerances of the product and its components not indicated in Annex 1 are given in the technical documentation⁵ of the European technical approval.

2.1.1.2 Safety in case of fire

The classifications of the STEKO – modular construction system regarding reaction to fire and resistance to fire are given in Annex 2, Table 1.

2.1.1.3 Hygiene, health and environment

On dangerous substances STEKO – modular construction system conforms to the CUAP, ETA request № 02.04/11. A manufacturer's declaration to this effect has been submitted.

In addition to the specific clauses relating to dangerous substances contained in the European technical approval, there may be other requirements applicable to the products falling within its scope (e.g. transposed European legislation and national laws, regulations and administrative provisions). In order to meet the provisions of the Construction Products Directive, these requirements need also to be complied with, when and where they apply.

2.1.1.4 Durability and serviceability

Durability and serviceability, including dimensional stability of the STEKO – modular construction system is given under the conditions of Clause 4.

The STEKO – modular construction system can be used in service classes 1 and 2 according to EN 1995-1-1

2.1.2 Components

2.1.2.1 Timber

Solid timber for boards and battens shall be visually or machine strength graded. Only technically dried wood shall be used.

Solid wood shall be classified according to EN 338.

2.1.2.2 Adhesive

The adhesive for bonding the basic modules of the STEKO – modular construction system shall conform to EN 15425.

2.1.2.3 Thermal insulation products

Thermal insulation products are not subject to the European technical approval. Thermal insulation products inserted into the basic modules of the STEKO – modular construction system shall conform to a harmonised European standard or a European technical approval and shall be CE marked.

⁵ The technical documentation of the European Technical Approval is deposited at Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik and, in so far as is relevant to the tasks of the approved body involved in the attestation of conformity procedure, is handed over to the approved body.

2.1.2.4 Concrete

Concrete is not subject to the European technical approval. Concrete inserted into the basic modules of the STEKO – modular construction system shall conform to a harmonised European standard.

2.1.2.5 Ballast weight

The ballast weight is not subject to the European technical approval. Ballast weight inserted into the basic modules of the STEKO – modular construction system shall conform to a harmonised European standard or a European technical approval and shall be CE marked.

2.2 Methods of verification

2.2.1 General

The assessment of fitness of the STEKO – modular construction system for the intended use in relation to the requirements for mechanical resistance and stability, for safety in case of fire, for hygiene, health and the environment, for safety in use, for protection against noise and for energy economy and heat retention in the sense of the Essential Requirements 1 to 6 of Council Directive 89/106/EEC as well as for durability and serviceability has been made in accordance with CUAP „Modular construction system”, version December 2012, ETA request № 02.04/11.

2.2.2 Identification

The European technical approval for the STEKO – modular construction system is issued on the basis of agreed data, deposited with Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik, which identifies the product that has been assessed and judged. Changes to materials, to the composition or to characteristics of the product, or to the production process, which could result in this deposited data being incorrect, should be immediately notified to Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik before the changes are introduced. Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik will decide whether or not such changes affect the European technical approval, and, if so, whether further assessment or alterations to the European technical approval are considered necessary.

By the accompanying documentation the STEKO – modular construction system shall be clearly identifiable at delivery.

Thermal insulation products and ballast weights inserted into the basic modules of STEKO – modular construction system shall conform to a harmonised European standard or a European technical approval. Concrete inserted into the basic modules of STEKO – modular construction system shall conform to a harmonised European standard. At least density, mass per unit area and reaction to fire classification of the respective materials shall be specified. These materials are not subject to the European technical approval. Standards and regulations in force at the place of use should be observed.

The specifications of the inserted materials together with their essential performances have to be provided by the manufacturer of the STEKO – modular construction system.

3 Evaluation of conformity and CE marking

3.1 Attestation of conformity system

The system of conformity attestation assigned by the European Commission to this product shall be that laid down in the Council Directive 89/106/EEC of 21 December 1988, Annex III (2) (i), referred to as System 1. This system provides for.

Certification of the conformity of the product by an approved certification body on the basis of

(a) Tasks for the manufacturer

- (1) Factory production control;

- (2) Further testing of samples taken at the factory by the manufacturer in accordance with a prescribed test plan⁶;
- (b) Tasks for the approved body
- (3) Initial type-testing of the product;
- (4) Initial inspection of factory and of factory production control;
- (5) Continuous surveillance, assessment and approval of factory production control.

3.2 Responsibilities

3.2.1 Tasks for the manufacturer

3.2.1.1 Factory production control

At the manufacturing plant the manufacturer has implemented and continuously maintains a factory production control system. All the elements, requirements and provisions adopted by the manufacturer are documented in a systematic manner in the form of written policies and procedures. The factory production control system ensures that the STEKO – modular construction system is in conformity with the European technical approval.

The factory production control shall address at least:

- Specifications of all materials and components incorporated in the STEKO – modular construction system
- Positions of structural members
- Overall dimensions of the single members of the STEKO – modular construction system
- Installation of thermal insulation products, concrete and ballast weight
- Tolerances of dimensions, squareness and flatness
- Markings for correct position and installation in the works, and special handling
- Packaging and protection during transport
- Ensure that specified moisture content levels are maintained during manufacture, storage at the factory, and during delivery and on site

The manufacturer shall only use raw materials supplied with the relevant inspection documents as laid down in the prescribed test plan. The incoming raw materials shall be subject to controls and tests by the manufacturer before acceptance. Check of incoming materials shall include control of inspection documents (comparison with nominal values) presented by the manufacturer of the raw materials by verifying the dimensions and determining the material properties.

The frequencies of controls and tests conducted during manufacturing and on the assembled product are defined by taking account of the manufacturing process of the product and are laid down in the prescribed test plan.

The results of factory production control are recorded and evaluated. The records include at least the following data:

- Designation of the product, basic materials and components
- Type of control or test

⁶ The prescribed test plan has been deposited with Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik and is handed over only to the approved body involved in the attestation of conformity procedure. The prescribed test plan is also referred to as control plan.

4 Assumptions under which the fitness of the product for the intended use was favourably assessed

4.1 Manufacturing

The STEKO – modular construction system is manufactured in accordance with the provisions of the European technical approval using the manufacturing process as identified in the inspection of the manufacturing plant by Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik and laid down in the technical documentation.

4.2 Design

The European technical approval only applies to the manufacture and use of the STEKO – modular construction system. Verification of stability of the works including application of loads on the products is not subject to the European technical approval.

Fitness for the intended use of the products is given under the following conditions:

- Design of the STEKO – modular construction system is carried under the responsibility of an engineer experienced in such products.
- Design of the works shall account for the protection of the STEKO – modular construction system.
- In service, the STEKO – modular construction system is not exposed to detrimental moisture. The definitions of service classes 1 and 2 according to EN 1995-1-1 apply.
- The single elements of STEKO – modular construction system are installed correctly.
- STEKO – modular construction system must be fixed in position horizontally, perpendicular to the surface of the wall at the top and the bottom.
- The STEKO – modular construction system shall be reinforced by coverings or vertical battens. A reinforcement of STEKO – modular construction system with vertical battens $b/h = 100/80$ mm of strength class C24 according to EN 338 at a regular distance of 960 mm leads to adequate bending capacity. Design of the reinforcement shall be done in individual cases.
- The transfer of horizontal loads in plane of the wall shall not lead to tension forces (open joint). Anchoring and transfer of tension forces shall be ensured through adequate constructions (e.g. threaded rods).

Design of the products may be according to EN 1995-1-1 and EN 1995-1-2, taking into account of Clause 2.1 and the Annexes 2 and 4 of the European technical approval. Standards and regulations in force at the place of use shall be considered.

4.3 Installation

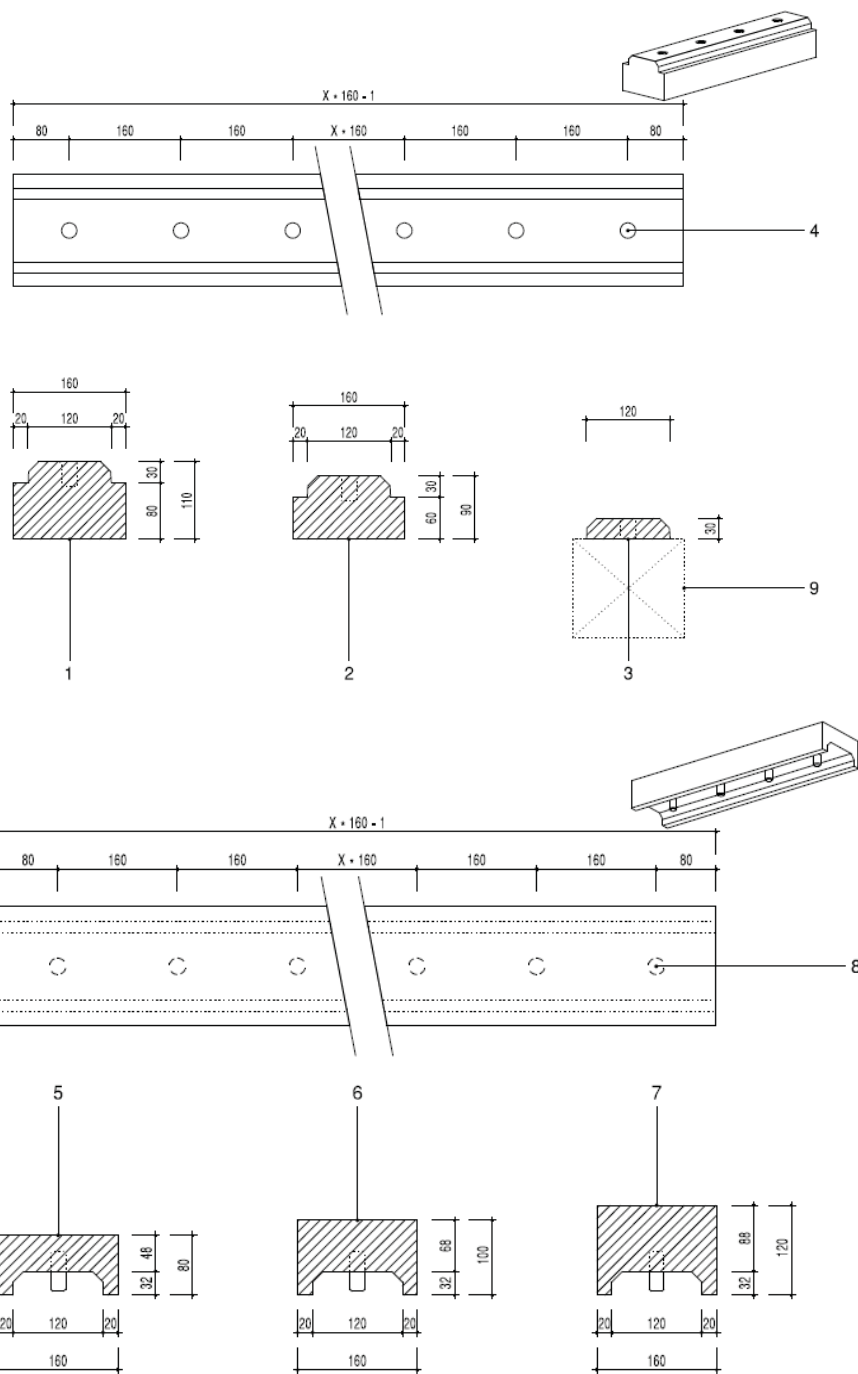
4.3.1 General

The manufacturer shall prepare installation instructions in which the product-specific characteristics and the most important measures to be taken into consideration for installation are described. The installation instructions shall be available at every construction site and shall be deposited at Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik.

Installation of STEKO – modular construction system shall be carried out by appropriately qualified personnel under the supervision of the person responsible for technical matters on site. An assembly plan shall be prepared for each structure, which contains the sequence in which the individual elements of the STEKO – modular construction system shall be installed and their designation. The assembly plan shall be available at the construction site.

Damaged products shall not be installed.

Footing and header of STEKO – Modular construction system



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|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | footing standard height 80 mm | 5 | header standard height 80 mm |
| 2 | footing reduced height 60 mm | 6 | header height 100 mm |
| 3 | footing batten | 7 | header height 120 mm |
| 4 | bore hole d = 22 mm | 8 | hardwood dowel d = 20 mm |

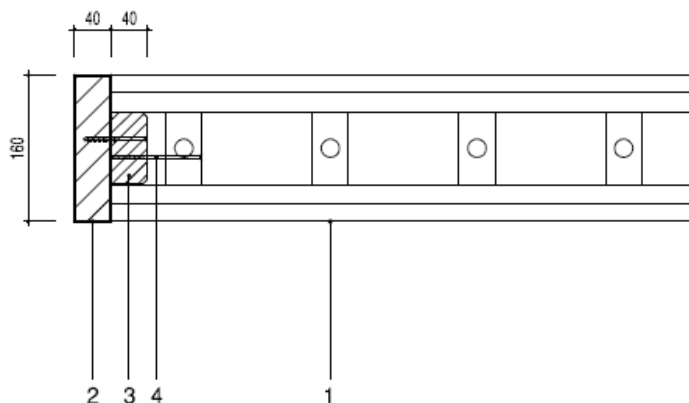
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End plate of STEKO – Modular construction system



- 1 STEKO basic module
- 2 end plate 40 x 160 mm or 20 x 160 mm
- 3 connecting batten
- 4 screw connection

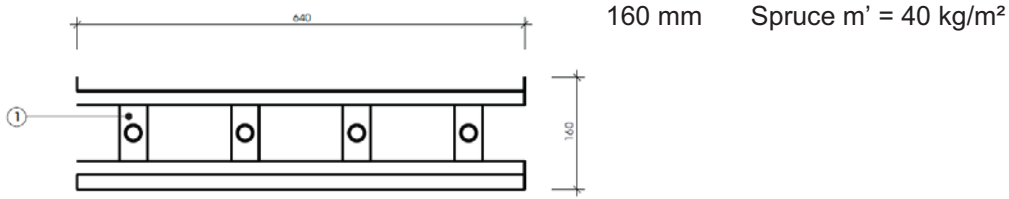
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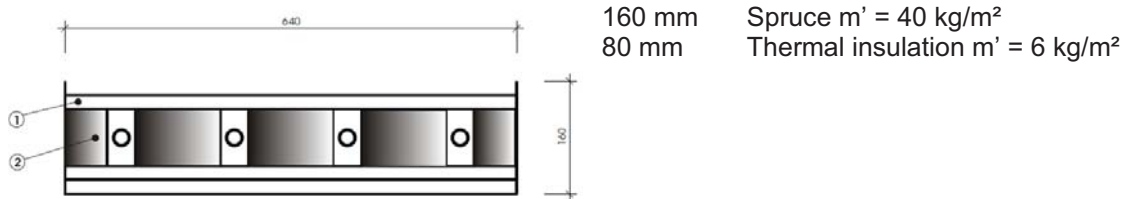
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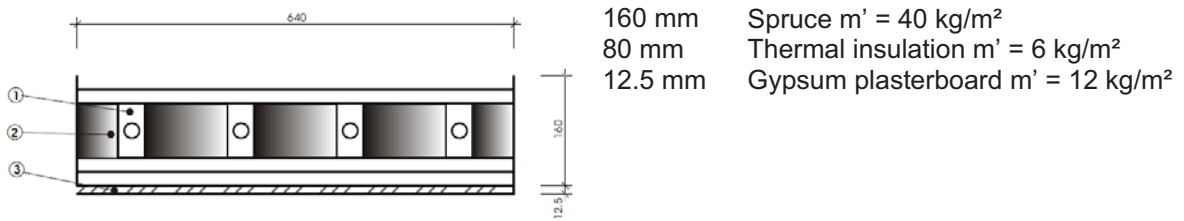
Examples with improved airborne performance



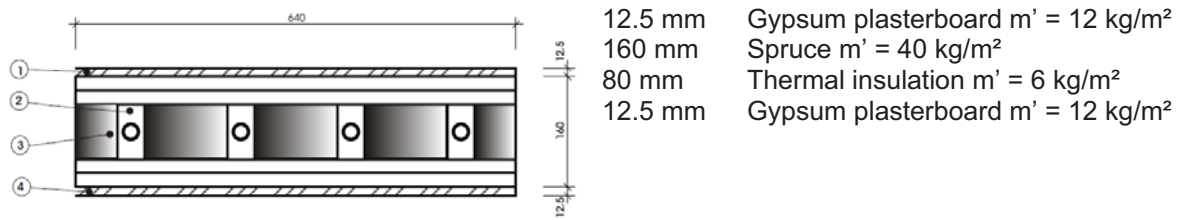
$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 31 \text{ (-1; -3) dB}$



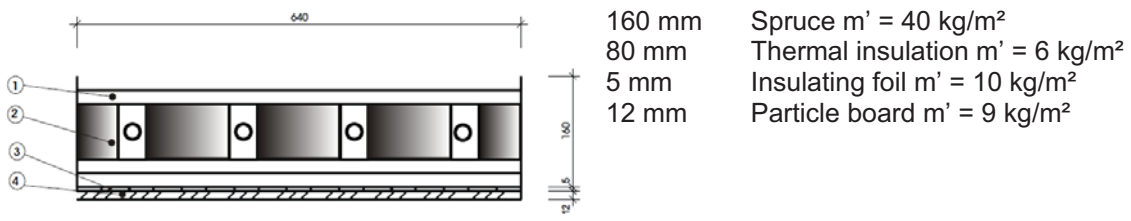
$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 33 \text{ (-1; -2) dB}$



$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 38 \text{ (-1; -3) dB}$



$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 40 \text{ (-1; -3) dB}$



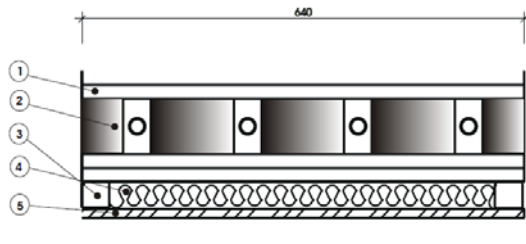
$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 39 \text{ (0; -2) dB}$

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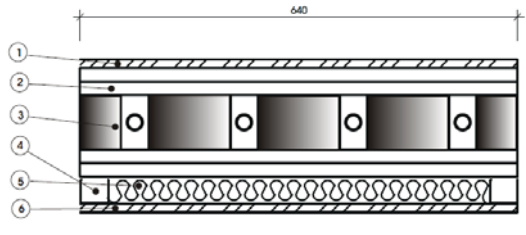
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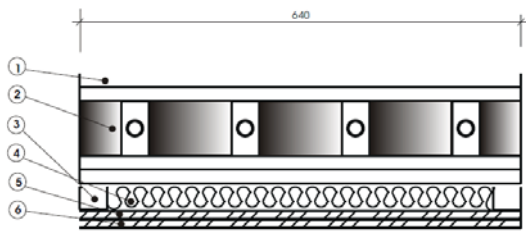
160 mm Spruce $m' = 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 80 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 6 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 40 mm Metal supports
 40 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 12.5 mm Gypsum plasterboard $m' = 12 \text{ kg/m}^2$

$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 56 \text{ (-2; -8) dB}$



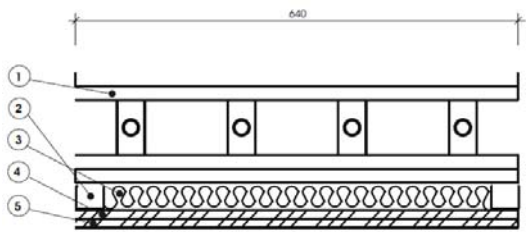
12.5 mm Gypsum plasterboard $m' = 12 \text{ kg/m}^2$
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 80 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 6 \text{ kg/m}^2$
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 40 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$
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$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 56 \text{ (-1; -7) dB}$



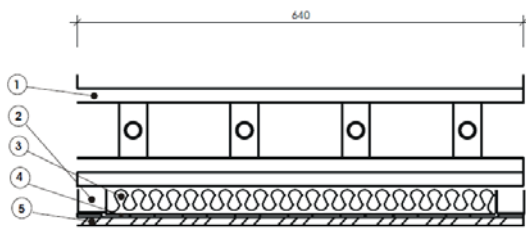
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 80 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 6 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 40 mm Metal supports
 40 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 12.5 mm Gypsum plasterboard $m' = 12 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 12.5 mm Gypsum plasterboard $m' = 12 \text{ kg/m}^2$

$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 58 \text{ (-2; -7) dB}$



160 mm Spruce $m' = 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 40 mm Metal supports
 40 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 12.5 mm Gypsum plasterboard $m' = 12 \text{ kg/m}^2$
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$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 55 \text{ (-2; -8) dB}$



160 mm Spruce $m' = 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 40 mm Metal supports
 40 mm Thermal insulation $m' = 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 5 mm Insulating foil $m' = 10 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 12.5 mm Gypsum plasterboard $m' = 12 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 12.5 mm Gypsum plasterboard $m' = 12 \text{ kg/m}^2$

$R_w(C; C_{tr}) \geq 54 \text{ (-2; -8) dB}$

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Verification of modular construction system under combined moment – normal force loading

Verification of compression stresses in wall and footing

Hereby, only the compressed area beneath the two cover layers shall be taken into account.

Verification of normal force load-bearing capacity

$$N_d \leq \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N_{crit,wall} \left(1 - \frac{e}{e_k} \right) + N_{crit,V} \\ \frac{N_{crit,wall} + N_{crit,V}}{\frac{N_{crit,V} \cdot e}{f_{m,V,d} \cdot W_V} + 1} \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

where

$$N_{crit,wall} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E_W \cdot I_W}{l^2}$$

$$N_{crit,V} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E_V \cdot I_V}{l^2}$$

E_W ... modulus of elasticity of the wall; $E_W = 250 + 350 \cdot \sigma_{c,d} \leq 1500 \text{ N/mm}^2$

E_V ... modulus of elasticity of reinforcement; $E_V = \frac{E_{0,05}}{\gamma_M}$

$E_{0,05}$... characteristic value of modulus of elasticity of reinforcement

$\sigma_{c,d}$... design value for compression stresses in cover layers

I_W ... second moment of inertia of the wall; $I_W = 200 \cdot 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ per meter width of the wall

I_V ... second moment of inertia of reinforcement around the horizontal wall-axis in the considered area

e ... excentricity of normal force; $e = \frac{l}{200} + \frac{M_d}{N_d}$

l ... height of the wall

M_d ... design value of bending moment in the half height of the wall obtained for external forces with 1st order theorie

N_d ... design value of centric normal force acting on the wall

e_k ... core width; $e_k = 0,062 \text{ m}$

$f_{m,V,d}$... design value of bending strength of reinforcement

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W_V ... section modulus of reinforcement

Verification of bending load-bearing capacity

$$M_d \leq N_d \left[\left(1 + \frac{N_{crit,V} - N_d}{N_{crit,wall}} \right) \cdot e_k - \frac{l}{200} \right] \quad (2)$$

where

N_d ... design value of centric normal force acting on the wall (acting beneficially)

For the case that the terms under (1) and (2) fail, the verification of normal force and bending load-bearing capacity can be fulfilled under the following conditions:

$$N_d \leq \frac{N_{crit,V}}{\frac{N_{crit,V} \cdot e}{f_{m,V,d} \cdot W_V} + 1} \quad (3)$$

and

$$M_d \leq \frac{(N_{crit,V} - N_d) \cdot f_{m,V,d} \cdot W_V}{N_{crit,V}} - N_d \cdot \frac{l}{200} \quad (4)$$

Verification of horizontal force in plane of the wall

Verification of stability against overturning

$$H_d \leq \frac{N_d \cdot a_{res}}{h} \quad (5)$$

where

a_{res} ... distance of resulting normal force from the end of the wall

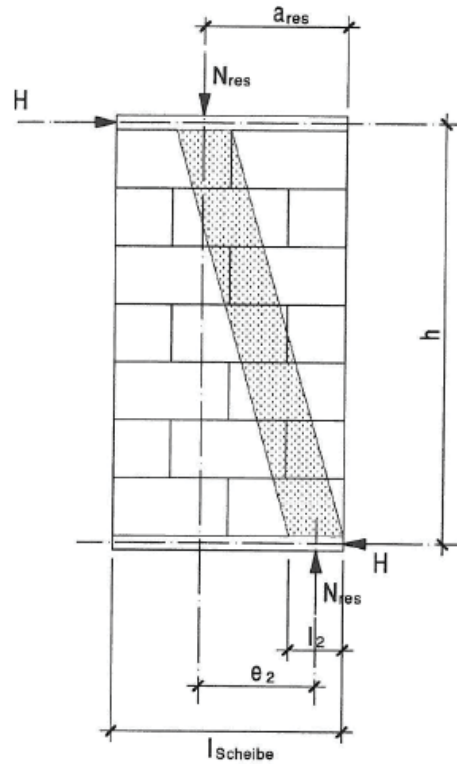
H_d ... design value of horizontal force

N_d ... design value of normal force acting on the wall

h ... height of wall element

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Verification of lateral pressure in the footing

$$\sigma_{c,90,d} = \frac{N_d}{k_{c,90} \cdot l_2 \cdot 2 \cdot t} \leq f_{c,90,d} \tag{6}$$

where

l_2 ... length of load application on the bottom of the slab; $l_2 = 2 \left(a_{res} - \frac{H_d \cdot h}{N_d} \right)$

t ... thickness of cover layer of modular construction system

Verification of shear connection in plane of the wall

$$H_d \leq 0,1 \cdot N_d + l_{slab} \cdot 4 \text{ kN/m} \tag{7}$$

where

l_{slab} ... length of wall slab

For calculation of deformations, the effective shear modulus G_{eff} may be taken as 100 N/mm² for the cover layers.

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EN ISO 13788 (12.2012): Hygrothermal performance of building components and building elements – Internal surface temperature to avoid critical surface humidity and interstitial condensation – Calculation methods

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