

Torque Calculation

1) Inputs:

i) Module specification:

- a) Size : $1.640 \times 0.990 \times 0.040$ [LxBxH] in meters
- b) weight : 20 kg/module
- c) Capacity : 250 W/module

ii) Structural details:

- a) weight of steel per structure : 200.2 kg
- b) No. of module per structure : 12 nos
- c) No. of structures : 06 nos
- d) weight of module per structure = 12×20
 $= 240 \text{ kg}$

iii) Wind zone [4]: 47 m/s [from structural engineer]

iv) Drive details:

- i) Electrically actuated
- ii) operated by lever

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2) Assumptions

- i) Initially structure is tilted to -45° .
It is rotated from -45° to $+45^\circ$.
- ii) The coefficient of friction (μ) is assumed to
be 0.2 for SKF composite bearing.

3) Calculation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Dead load} &= (\text{weight of steel component per structure}) \times (\text{No. of structures}) \\
 &\quad + (\text{weight of module per structure}) \times (\text{No. of structures}) \\
 &= (200.2 \times 6) + (240 \times 6) \\
 &= 2641.2 \text{ Kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Wind load} = 177.77 \text{ Kg/module}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{wind load} &\text{ acting vertically downwards} \\
 &= 177.77 \times \sin 45 \\
 &= 125.7 \text{ Kg/module}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{wind load per structure} = 125.7 \times 12 \text{ modules}$$

$$\text{wind load on 6 structures} = \frac{1508.4}{9050.4} \text{ Kg}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total load} &= \text{Dead load} + \text{wind load} \\
 &= 2641.2 + 9050.4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total load} = 11691.4 \text{ Kg}$$

Assuming the structure to be at $\rightarrow 45^\circ$ tilt, torque required to rotate it would be only be the frictional force.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Torque}_{(\text{max})} &= (\text{Total load}) \times (g) \times (\text{perpendicular distance}) \times \mu \\
 &= 11691.4 \times 9.81 \times \frac{354}{1000} \times 0.2 \\
 &= 8120.24 \text{ Nm.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Torque}_{(\text{max})} = 8.12 \text{ KNm}}$$

