

limits for deflection are to be checked at specified load levels including dead load, live load, and shrinkage. The deflection of non-structural members likely to be damaged by large deflections. Other deflection criteria may have to be considered by the designer. For example, where excessive deflection may result in either aesthetic or functional problems, such as objectionable sagging, ponding of water, vibration, or improper operation of sliding doors, total deflection could be considered. Guidance on deflection limits for a range of design situations is given in Table 1.

rete members depend on a large number of factors including the degree of curing, load levels, cracking due to construction loads, creep and shrinkage of concrete, modulus of elasticity, and support conditions. Because of the number of factors affecting deformations, relatively simple procedures, as given in Table 1, may be used in deflection computations; however, undue reliance should not be placed on the results.

For one-way slabs, deflection requirements are considered to be satisfied if the deflection of the slab is not greater than the deflection of the supporting members. In the first approach, deflection requirements are considered to be satisfied if the deflection of the slab is not greater than the deflection of the supporting members. In the second approach, deflections must be calculated at the maximum permissible values. Situations not covered by the specifications must be considered on an individual basis.

## Control by Span to Depth Ratios

### Non-structural (Non-prestressed)

For non-structural members, immediate deflections can be computed using the expression:

$$\Delta = K \left( \frac{5}{48} \right) \frac{M \ell^2}{E_c I_e} \quad (6.1)$$

where  $M$  = support moment for cantilever, midspan moment for simple and continuous beams  
 $\ell$  = span length  
 $E_c$  = modulus of elasticity of concrete

$I_e = (3300 \sqrt{f'_c} + 6900) (\gamma_c / 2300)^{1.5}$

$(1500 \leq \gamma_c \leq 2500 \text{ kg/m}^3)$

$= 4500 \sqrt{f'_c}$  for normal density concrete

$I_e$  = effective moment of inertia

$K$  = coefficient as follows

	K
Cantilevers (fixed end)*	2.400
Simple spans	1.0
Fixed-Hinged Beams	0.800
—Midspan deflection	0.738
—Max deflection (when using max. moment)	0.600
Fixed-Fixed Beams	
Continuous Spans	1.20 – 0.20 $M_o / M_m$

where  $M_o = w \ell^2 / 8$  and  $M_m$  is the net midspan moment.

\*In the case of cantilevers, the deflection due to the rotation at the support must also be included.

For loading other than uniformly distributed, the formulae given in Chapter 1 of this Handbook can be used.

## Limits

is must not exceed the limits given in Table 6.3 (Table 9.2 of CSA S408) as fractions of the clear span length,  $\ell_n$ .

sidered are,

due to specified live load,  $L$

### Non-structural (Non-prestressed)

tion, if the slab thickness equals or exceeds the minimum thickness given in Table 6.3, deflections need not be computed. These minimum values apply to non-structural elements likely to be damaged by large deflections.

is specifying minimum thickness for two-way construction are given in Table 6.3.

s of two-way slabs present a serious serviceability problem not easily solved by installation of non-structural elements and mechanical services. It is recommended that the side of thicker rather than thinner slabs.

$$I_e = \left( \frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 I_g + \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \right] I_{cr} \quad (6.2)$$

$$\text{where } M_{cr} = \frac{f_r I_g}{y_t} \quad (6.3)$$

(6.4)

$$f_r = 0.6\lambda\sqrt{f'_c}$$

$\lambda = 1.00$  for normal density concrete

$\lambda = 0.85$  for structural semi-low density concrete

$\lambda = 0.75$  for structural low density concrete

$M_a$  = moment at load level under consideration

One end continuous:

$$I_{\text{e (avg)}} = 0.85 I_{\text{e (pos)}} + 0.15 I_{\text{e (neg)}} \quad (6.5)$$

Both ends continuous:

$$I_e(\text{avg}) = 0.70 I_e(\text{pos}) + 0.30 \frac{I_e(\text{neg})_{\text{left}} + I_e(\text{neg})_{\text{right}}}{2} \quad (6.6)$$

(6.9)

$$I_{\text{e (avg)}} = 0.75 I_{\text{e (pos)}} + 0.25 I_{\text{e (neg)}} \quad (6.7)$$

(6.7)

When construction procedures are followed, the live load deflections and underestimate the live load deflections.

### 6.4.4.2 Computation of Loss Time Defect

### Slabs (Non-prestressed)

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$$\Delta_i = \Delta_{\text{exp}} + \Delta_{\text{sh}}$$

The creep deflection is given by

$$\Delta_{\infty} = k_r C_i \Delta t$$

$$\text{where } k_r = \frac{0.85}{1 + 50 p'}$$

The ultimate value of  $C_1$  may be taken as 1.6 for average conditions.

$$C_1 = \frac{1.6}{2.0} S$$

The shrinkage deflection is given by:

$$\Delta s = K_{sh} \phi_{sh} l^2$$

$$\phi_{sh} = \frac{A_{sh} E_{sh}}{h}$$

For this purpose, the ultimate value of  $\epsilon_{sn}$  may be taken as  $400 \times 10^{-6}$  for intermediate times

$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = \frac{S}{2.0} 400 \times 10^{-6}$$

The term  $A_{sh}$  is obtained from Table 6.10. The steel percentages for the support section of cantilevers and the midspan section of spans. For T-beams, use  $\rho = 100 (\rho + \rho_w)/2$  in determining  $A_{sh}$ , where  $\rho_w$  is the following values of  $K_{sh}$  can be used in Eq. 6.12.

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## Cantilevers

## Simple beams

Beams continuous at one end only

Beams continuous at both ends

### Section Example 6.1

**Required:** Calculate midspan deflections for exterior span of Tee B  
calculated deflections with CSA Standard A23.3 Maximum Permissible V

## Loads

## Dead Load