

Example of design of a drystack masonry structure

Internal wall check

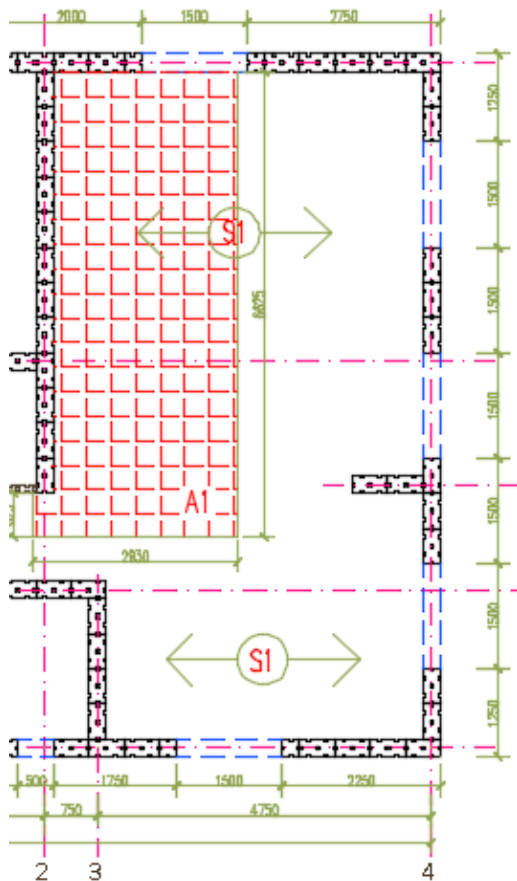
1. Dimension of slab for span 5500 mm

$$h_s = \left(\frac{1}{30} \approx \frac{1}{25}\right)l \text{ therefore } h_s \text{ is considered } \mathbf{200 \text{ mm}}$$

By project documentation in the project is used hollow slab “panel Spirol 200” by manufacturer GOLDBECK. Self weight then is specified equal to 258 kg/m²

2. Area of load

$$A_1 = 2.75 \text{ m} * 6.75 \text{ m} = \mathbf{18.56 \text{ m}^2}$$



3. Calculation of loads

Permanent Load	g_k [kN/m ²]	γ [-]	g_d [kN/m ²]
Self-weight of slab	2.53	1.35	3.42
Roof construction	0.59	1.35	0.8
			$\Sigma 4.22$

Variable Load	q_k [kN/m ²]	γ [-]	q_d [kN/m ²]
Snow load	0.75	1.5	1.13
			Σ 1.13

$g_{\text{(Self weight of the wall STAVSD)k}} = V * \rho = 0.25 \text{ m} * 6 \text{ m} * 3.0 \text{ m} * 920 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 4140 \text{ kg} = 41.4 \text{ kN}$

$$g_d = 41.4 \text{ kN} * 1.35 = \mathbf{55.89 \text{ kN}}$$

$$N_{\text{ed}} = \sum(g_d + q_d) * A + g_d \text{ (s-weight of wall)} = (4.22 + 1.13) \text{ kN/m}^2 * 18.56 \text{ m}^2 + 55.89 \text{ kN} = \mathbf{155.19 \text{ kN}}$$

4. $f_u = 6 \text{ MPa}$

5. Strength of brick

$$f_b = \delta * f_u$$

(by EC 1996-1-1: δ – form factor, related to the brick dimensions)

For block 500 x 250 x 200 mm $\delta = 1.1$

$$f_b = 1.1 * 6 \text{ MPa} = \mathbf{6.6 \text{ MPa}}$$

6. Characteristic compressive strength of unreinforced masonry using thin layer mortar (0.5 mm < thickness < 0.3 mm)

Use of formula (3.3) for thin mortar masonry

$$f_k = K * f_b^{0.85}, \text{ where } K \text{ is constant from table 3.3 EC 1996-1-1 and equals } 0.8$$

(masonry unit group 1, thin layer mortar)

$$f_k = 0.8 * 6.6 \text{ MPa}^{0.85} = \mathbf{5.28 \text{ MPa}}$$

7. Design compressive strength of the masonry

$$f_d = f_k / \gamma_M,$$

$\gamma_M = 2.0$ (from table 5.10)

$$f_d = 5.28 \text{ MPa} / 2.0 = \mathbf{2.64 \text{ MPa}}$$

8. Required area on the footing of the wall. (by estimation)

$$A_{\text{req}} = N_{\text{max}} / 0.7 * f_d, \text{ where } N_{\text{max}} \text{ is load without self-weight} = \mathbf{99.3 \text{ kN}}$$

$$A_{\text{req}} = 99.3 \text{ kN} / (0.7 * 2.64 \text{ MPa}) = \mathbf{0.054 \text{ m}^2}$$

Conclusion: wall width satisfies designed dimensions of the block units:

500 x 250 x 200 mm, with minimum foot area $A_{\text{eff}} = 0.250 \text{ m}^2$

$$\text{Hence design force } F_d = A_{\text{eff}} * 0.7 * f_d = 0.25 \text{ m}^2 * 0.7 * 2.64 \text{ MPa} = \mathbf{462 \text{ kN}}$$

9. Slenderness ratio

$h_{ef} / t_{ef} \leq 27$, where $h_{ef} = \rho_n * h_p$ (h_p – clear height of wall and $\rho_n = 0.75$ for walls restrained at both ends); $t_{ef} = \min(b; t)$. Hence $h_{ef} = 3.0 \text{ m} * 0.75 = 2.25 \text{ m}$; $t_{ef} = \min(500; 250) = 250 \text{ mm}$
 $2.25 / 0.25 = 9 \leq 27$ (not slender)

10. Check of cross sections

A – top of the wall – eccentric load, high vertical load ($N_{ed,A} = N_{max}$)

B – effect of slenderness, possibility of buckling ($N_{ed,B} = N_{max} + \frac{1}{2}$ s-weight of the wall)

• Vertical resistance A

Eccentricity of design vertical load

Assume $N_{ed,A} = N_{max} = 99.3 \text{ kN}$

$N_{rd,i} = \Phi_i * A * f_d$, where Φ_i is capacity reduction factor.

$\Phi_i = 1 - 2 e_i / t$, where $e_i = e_{if} + e_{ia} + e_{ka} \geq 0.05 * t$ is total eccentricity at the top of the wall

e_{if} – eccentricity due to loads ($M_{id} / N_{id} = 0$)

e_{fm} – eccentricity due to horizontal load is 0

e_{ia} – initial eccentricity = $h_{ef} / 450 = 2.25 \text{ m} / 450 = 0.005 \text{ m}$ (5 mm)

$e_i = 0 + 0 + e_k \geq 0.05 * t$

e_i is $0.05 * t$ at the top and bottom of the wall, which are the minimum eccentricity design values to be used.

Therefore $\Phi_i = 1 - 2 e_i / t$ equals

$\Phi_i = 1 - 2 * 0.05 * t / t = 0.9$

$N_{rd,i} = \Phi_i * A * f_d = 0.9 * 0.25 \text{ m}^2 * 2.64 \text{ MPa} = 594 \text{ kN} > N_{ed,A} = 99.3 \text{ kN}$

Conclusion: The wall **satisfies** the requirements for total eccentricity at the top and the bottom of the wall.

• Vertical resistance B

Eccentricity of design vertical load

Assume $N_{ed,B} = N_{max} + \frac{1}{2}$ of the s-weight = **127.24 kN**

$N_{rd,m} = \Phi_m * A * f_d$, where Φ_m is capacity reduction factor (table meaning)

$e_{mk}/t = e_{mf}/t + e_{ma}/t + e_k/t \geq 0.05$ is relative eccentricity at the middle of the wall

e_{mf} – eccentricity due to loads ($M_{id} / N_{id} = 0$)

e_{ma} – initial eccentricity $h_{ef} / 450 = 2.25 \text{ m} / 450 = 0.005 \text{ m}$ (5 mm)

e_k – eccentricity due to creep = 0

0.05 is the minimum relative eccentricity.

$$e_{mk}/t = (0 + 0.005 + 0)/t \geq 0.05$$

e_{mk}/t is 0.05 t at the middle of the wall, which is the minimum eccentricity design value to be used. Hence by table $h_{ef}/t_{ef} = 9$; $e_{mk} = 0.05$

Therefore $\Phi_i = 0.85$

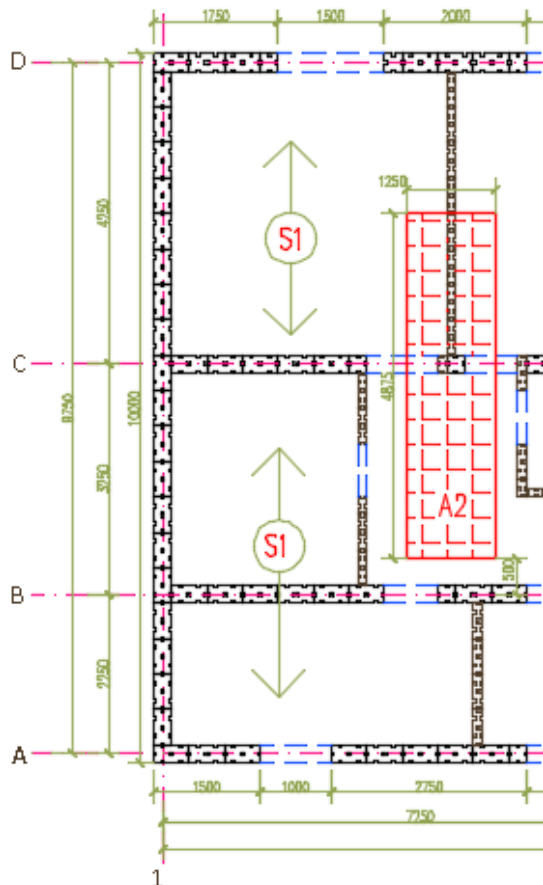
$$N_{rd,m} = \Phi_i * A * f_d = 0.85 * 0.25m^2 * 2.64 MPa = 561 kN > N_{Ed,B} = 127.24 kN$$

Conclusion: The wall **satisfies** the requirements for relative eccentricity at the middle of the wall.

Internal column check

1. Area of load

$$A = 3.875 m * 1.25 m = 4.84 m^2$$



2. Calculation of loads

Permanent Load	g_k [kN/m ²]	γ [-]	g_d [kN/m ²]
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			$\Sigma 4.22$
Variable Load	q_k [kN/m ²]	γ [-]	q_d [kN/m ²]
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$$g(\text{Self weight of the pillar STAVSI})_k = V * \rho = 0.25 \text{ m} * 0.25 \text{ m} * 3.0 \text{ m} * 920 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 173 \text{ kg} = 1.73 \text{ kN}$$

$$g_d = 1.73 \text{ kN} * 1.35 = \mathbf{2.34 \text{ kN}}$$

$$N_{ed} = \Sigma(g_d + q_d) * A + s\text{-weight of column} = (4.22 + 1.13) \text{ kN/m}^2 * 4.84 \text{ m}^2 + 2.34 = \mathbf{28.23 \text{ kN}}$$

3. $f_u = 6 \text{ MPa}$

4. Strength of brick

$$f_b = \delta * f_u$$

(by EC 1996-1-1: δ – form factor, related to the brick dimensions)

For block 250 x 250 x 200 mm $\delta = 1.1$

$$f_b = 1.1 * 6 \text{ MPa} = \mathbf{6.6 \text{ MPa}}$$

5. Characteristic compressive strength of unreinforced masonry using thin layer mortar (0.5 mm < thickness < 0.3 mm)

Use of formula (3.3) for thin mortar masonry

$$f_k = K * f_b^{0.85}, \text{ where } K \text{ is constant from table 3.3 EC 1996-1-1 and equals } 0.8$$

(masonry unit group 1, thin layer mortar)

$$f_k = 0.8 * 6.6 \text{ MPa}^{0.85} = \mathbf{5.28 \text{ MPa}}$$

6. Design compressive strength of the masonry

$$f_d = f_k / \gamma_M,$$

$\gamma_M = 2.0$ (from table 5.10)

$$f_d = 5.28 \text{ MPa} / 2.0 = \mathbf{2.64 \text{ MPa}}$$

7. Required area on the footing of the wall. (by estimation)

$$A_{req} = N_{max} / 0.7 * f_d, \text{ where } N_{max} \text{ is load without self-weight} = \mathbf{25.9 \text{ kN}}$$

$$A_{req} = 25.9 \text{ kN} / (0.7 * 2.64 \text{ MPa}) = \mathbf{0.014 \text{ m}^2}$$

Conclusion: wall width satisfies designed dimensions of the block units:

250 x 250 x 200 mm, with minimum foot area $A_{eff} = 0.063 \text{ m}^2$

Hence design force $F_d = A_{eff} * 0.7 * f_d = 0.014 \text{ m}^2 * 0.7 * 2.64 \text{ MPa} = \mathbf{116.42 \text{ kN}}$

8. Slenderness ratio

$h_{ef} / t_{ef} \leq 27$, where $h_{ef} = \rho_n * h_p$ (h_p – clear height of wall and ρ_n – 0.75 for walls and pillars restrained at both ends); $t_{ef} = \min(b;t)$. Hence $h_{ef} = 3.0 \text{ m} * 0.75 = 2.25 \text{ m}$; $t_{ef} = \min(250; 250) = 250 \text{ mm}$

$2.25/0.25 = 9 \leq 27$ (not slender)

9. Check of cross sections

A – top of the wall – eccentric load, high vertical load ($N_{ed,A} = N_{max}$)

B – effect of slenderness, possibility of buckling ($N_{ed,B} = N_{max} + \frac{1}{2}$ s-weight of the pillar)

• Vertical resistance A

Eccentricity of design vertical load

Assume $N_{ed,A} = N_{max} = \mathbf{25.9 \text{ kN}}$

$N_{rd,i} = \Phi_i * A * f_d$, where Φ_i is capacity reduction factor.

$\Phi_i = 1 - 2 e_i / t$, where $e_i = e_{if} + e_{ia} + e_{ka} \geq 0.05 * t$ is total eccentricity at the top of the wall

e_{if} – eccentricity due to loads ($M_{id} / N_{id} = 0$)

e_{fm} – eccentricity due to horizontal load is 0

$e_{ia} = \text{initial eccentricity} = h_{ef} / 450 = 2.25 \text{ m} / 450 = 0.005 \text{ m} (5 \text{ mm})$

$e_i = 0 + 0 + e_k \geq 0.05 * t$

e_i is $0.05 * t$ at the top and bottom of the wall, which are the minimum eccentricity design values to be used.

Therefore $\Phi_i = 1 - 2 e_i / t$ equals

$\Phi_i = 1 - 2 * 0.05 * t / t = \mathbf{0.9}$

$N_{rd,i} = \Phi_i * A * f_d = \mathbf{0.9 * 0.063 \text{ m}^2 * 2.64 \text{ MPa} = 149.7 \text{ kN} > N_{ed,A} = 25.9 \text{ kN}$

Conclusion: The pillar **satisfies** the requirements for total eccentricity at the top and the bottom of the wall.

• Vertical resistance B

Eccentricity of design vertical load

Assume $N_{ed,B} = N_{max} + \frac{1}{2}$ of the s-weight = $\mathbf{27.06 \text{ kN}}$

$N_{rd,m} = \Phi_i * A * f_d$, where Φ_m is capacity reduction factor (table meaning)

$e_{mk}/t = e_{mf}/t + e_{ma}/t + e_k/t \geq 0.05$ is relative eccentricity at the middle of the wall

e_{mf} – eccentricity due to loads ($M_{id} / N_{id} = 0$)

e_{ma} – initial eccentricity $h_{ef} / 450 = 2.25 \text{ m} / 450 = 0.005 \text{ m}$ (5 mm)

e_k – eccentricity due to creep = 0

0.05 is the minimum relative eccentricity.

$$e_{mk}/t = (0 + 0.005 + 0)/t \geq 0.05$$

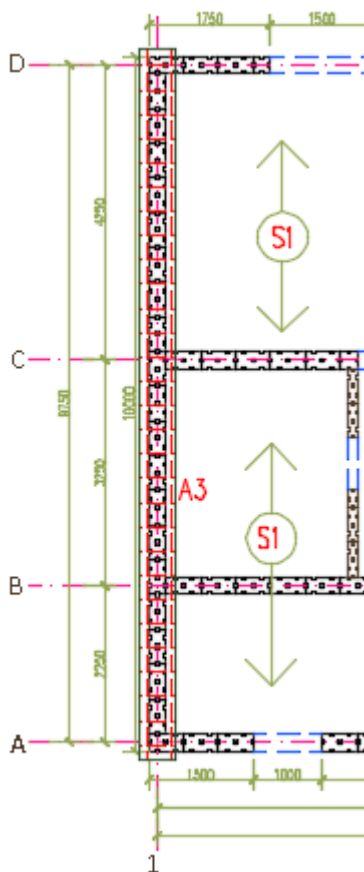
e_{mk}/t is 0.05 t at the middle of the wall, which is the minimum eccentricity design value to be used. Hence by table $h_{ef}/t_{ef} = 9$; $e_{mk} = 0.05$

Therefore $\Phi_i = 0.85$

$$N_{rd,m} = \Phi_i * A * f_d = 0.85 * 0.063 \text{ m}^2 * 2.64 \text{ MPa} = 141.37 \text{ kN} > N_{Ed,B} = 27.06 \text{ kN}$$

Conclusion: The wall **satisfies** the requirements for relative eccentricity at the middle of the wall.

External non-load bearing wall exposed to wind load check A3



Non load bearing masonry is laterally loaded, vertical load is not sufficient to avoid possibility of flexural failure. The wall is considered as two-way slab.

1. Characteristic wind load w_k [kN/m^2]

$$w_k = q_b * c_e * c_{pe}, \text{ where } q_b \text{ – reference mean velocity pressure } [\text{kN/m}^2]$$

$q_b = \frac{1}{2} * \rho * v_b^2$ (ρ -air density – 1.25 kg/m³; v_b – basic wind velocity from a map in EC 1991-1-4 = 25 m/s)

hence $q_b = 0.5 * 1.25 \text{ kg/m}^3 * 25^2 \text{ m/s} = 390 \text{ Pa (N/m}^2) = \mathbf{0.39 \text{ kN/m}^2}$

then c_e – exposure factor, by figure 4.2 of EC for III terrain category and 3.5 m height of the building = **1.3**

next c_{pe} – pressure coefficient chapter 7 of EC figure 7.5, where $e = \min(b \text{ or } 2h) = 7$ as the least of 9.25 m - b -crosswind dimension and 2* height. $e < d$. Then by table 7.1 c_{pe} is determined as crossing of $h/d = 3.5 \text{ m}/12.75 \text{ m} = 0.27$ and zone A; hence $c_{pe} = \mathbf{-1.2}$

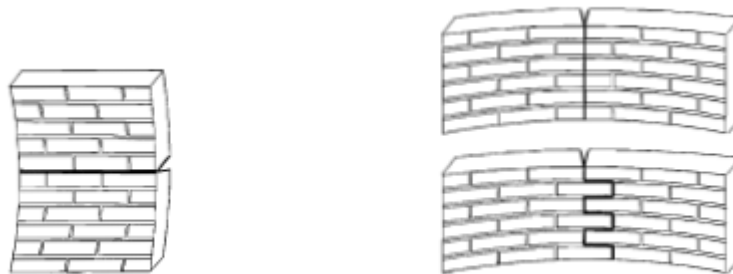
$w_k = q_b * c_e * c_{pe} = \mathbf{0.39 * 1.3 * (-1.2) = -0.61 \text{ [kN/m}^2]}$

2. Design wind load w_k [kN/m²]

$w_d = w_k * 1.5 = \mathbf{0.91 \text{ [kN/m}^2]}$

3. Flexural strength having a plane of failure parallel to the bed joints f_{xk1} , and plane of failure perpendicular to bed joints f_{xk2} , EC 6 chapter 3.6.3.

For thin mortared wall STAVSI block has $f_{xk1} = \mathbf{0.2 \text{ MPa (200 kN/m}^2)}$, $f_{xk2} = \mathbf{0.3 \text{ MPa (300 kN/m}^2)}$



a) plane of failure parallel to bed joints, f_{xk1} b) plane of failure perpendicular to bed joints, f_{xk2}

4. Flexural strength of masonry

$f_{xd1} = f_{xk1} / \gamma_M + \sigma_d$

$f_{xd2} = f_{xk2} / \gamma_M$, where $\gamma_M = 2.0$ (from table 5.10)

σ_d – stress from the vertical loading in the critical cross-section

$\sigma_d = \rho_m / 1000 * h/2 = 9.2 \text{ kN/m}^3 / (1000) * 3.0 \text{ m} / 2 = \mathbf{13.8 \text{ kN/m}^2}$

Hence

$f_{xd1} = f_{xk1} / \gamma_M + \sigma_d = 200 \text{ kN/m}^2 / 2 + 13.8 \text{ kN/m}^2 = \mathbf{113.8 \text{ kN/m}^2}$

$f_{xd2} = f_{xk2} / \gamma_M = 300 \text{ kN/m}^2 / 2 = \mathbf{150 \text{ kN/m}^2}$

5. Design bending moment

- Plane of failure parallel to the bed joints

$M_{Ed,x} = \alpha * w_d * b * L^2$, there we calculate μ is orthogonal ratio of flexural strength

$\mu = f_{xd1} / f_{xd2} = 0.113 / 0.15 = \mathbf{0.76}$. Next from the chapter 5.5.5 α (bending moment coefficient) can be obtained and equal to **0.01** ($h/L = 3.0/9.25 = 0.33$; and $\mu = 0.67$)

Wall support conditions E (simply supported on 4 edges)

$$M_{Ed,x} = \alpha * w_d * b * L^2 = 0.01 * 1 \text{ m} * 0.91 \text{ [kN/m}^2\text{]} * (9.25 \text{ m})^2 = \mathbf{0.78 \text{ kNm}}$$

- **Plane of failure perpendicular to the bed joints**

$$M_{Ed,y} = \mu * \alpha * w_d * b * L^2 = 0.76 * 0.01 * 1 \text{ m} * 0.91 \text{ [kN/m}^2\text{]} * (9.25 \text{ m})^2 = \mathbf{0.59 \text{ kNm}}$$

6. Resistance moment

$M_{Rd,x} = f_{xd1} * Z$, where z-elastic section modulus per 1 meter of the wall [m^3/m] and

$$M_{Rd,y} = f_{xd2} * Z$$

$$Z = b * t^2 / 6 = 1 \text{ m} * 0.25^2 \text{ m}^2 / 6 = 0.01 \text{ m}^3$$

$$M_{Rd,x} = f_{xd1} * Z = 113.8 \text{ kN/m}^2 * 0.01 \text{ m}^3 = \mathbf{1.138 \text{ kNm}} > M_{Ed,x} = \mathbf{0.78 \text{ kNm}}$$

$$M_{Rd,y} = f_{xd2} * Z = 150 \text{ kN/m}^2 * 0.01 \text{ m}^3 = \mathbf{1.5 \text{ kNm}} > M_{Ed,y} = \mathbf{0.59 \text{ kNm}}$$

Conclusion: the wall thickness is **adequate**, it can resist flexural forces **sufficiently**