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## ABSTRACT

The use of independent bent-up bars as parts of shear reinforcement has been shown to be effective. Laboratory tests revealed that beams provided with a particular amount of such reinforcement in conjunction with nominal links achieved higher shear resistance than beams with the normally adopted vertical design links. In the conventional bent-up bars system, it was required that the length of the horizontal portion of the bars after the bend be at least the anchorage length of the bar. In many cases, this requirement has limited the provision of closely spaced multiple system of bent-up bars. This project presents the results of experimental investigation on five rectangular beams in which the effect of using short anchorage of the independent bent-up bars on the capacity of the beam in carrying shear was studied. The influence of various amounts of bent-up bars was also investigated. All the beams were provided with identical longitudinal reinforcement but with different sets of shear reinforcement. In one beam, the shear reinforcement was in the form of closely spaced vertical links, while the other three beams had nominal links combined with independent bent-up bars of various amount and anchorage lengths. Test results indicate that the anchorage length of the bent-up bars is insignificant to the capability of the bars in carrying shear. It also suggests that the provision of the large amount of the bent-up bars does not produce the corresponding advantage to the beams shear capacity. It may therefore be concluded that independent bent-up bars be used effectively and economically in reinforced concrete beam design to resist shear.

## ABSTRAK

Kegunaan bar condong bebas sebagai tetulang ricih adalah berkesan. Ujikaji makmal mendapati rasuk yang dibekalkan dengan sesetengah bilangan tetulang bersama dengan nonimal perangkai untuk mencapai rintangan ricih yang lebih tinggi daripada perangkai pugak yang biasa digunakan. Dalam sistem tradisional bar condong, kepanjangan bahagian bar melintang selepas dibengkokkan mesti sekurang-kurangnya kepanjangan tambatan bar. Dalam banyak situasi, kelayakan ini telah menghadkan bekalan gandaan sistem yang berjarak rapat bagi bar condong. Kajian ini memaparkan keputusan dari ujikaji makmal yang telah dijalankan ke atas lima rasuk bersegi empat dimana kesannya menggunakan tambatan yang pendek dalam bar condong terhadap keupayaan menanggung ricih telah dikaji. Pengaruh dari pelbagai bilangan bar yang dibengkok juga pun diujikaji. Semua rasuk dibekalkan dengan tetulang bergarisan bujur yang sama tetapi set ricih tetulang yang berlainan. Dalam satu rasuk, ricih tetulang adalah dalam bentuk perangkai pugak yang berjarak dekat, manakala tiga rasuk yang berlainan mempunyai nominal perangkai yang bergabung dengan bar condong bebas dengan pelbagai bilangan dan panjang tambatan. Keputusan ujikaji menunjukkan kepanjangan tambatan dari bar condong adalah tidak berkesan untuk menanggung ricih. Ujikaji ini juga mencadangkan dengan membekalkan banyak bar condong bebas tidak akan menghasilkan kebaikan yang sama kepada keupayaan ricih rasuk. Oleh yang demikian, bar condong bebas adalah bekesan dan ekomoni untuk digunakan dalam mencorakkan rasuk konkrit bertetulang untuk menahan ricih.



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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

$A$	-	Area of cross-section
$A_s$	-	Area of tension reinforcement
$A_{sb}$	-	Area of steel in bent-up bars
$A_{s,prov}$	-	Area of tension reinforcement provided
$A_{s,req}$	-	Area of tension reinforcement required
$A_{sv}$	-	Total cross-sectional area of links at the neutral axis
$a_v$	-	Shear span
$b$	-	Width of a section
$b_v$	-	Breadth of member for shear resistance
$c$	-	Cover to reinforcement
$d$	-	Effective depth of the tension reinforcement
$f_{cu}$	-	Characteristic concrete cube strength at 28 days
$f_s$	-	Service stress in reinforcement
$f_{tt}$	-	Design tensile stress in concrete at transfer
$f_y$	-	Characteristic strength of reinforcement
$f_{yb}$	-	Characteristic strength of inclined bars
$f_{yv}$	-	Characteristic strength of link reinforcement
$L$	-	Effective span of a beam
$M_{max}$	-	Maximum bending moment
$s_b$	-	Spacing of bent-up bars
$s_v$	-	Spacing of links
$V$	-	Shear force at ultimate design load
$V_b$	-	Design ultimate shear resistance of bent-up bars
$V_c$	-	Design ultimate shear resistance of a concrete section
$v$	-	Shear stress



- $v_b$  - Design shear stress resistance of bent-up bars
- $v_c$  - Design ultimate shear resistance of a singly reinforcement concrete beam
- $\alpha$  - Angle between a bent-up bar and axis of a beam
- $\beta$  - Bond coefficient
- $\varnothing$  - Bar diameter
- $\theta$  - Angle

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 General

Reinforcement concrete beam is concrete in which reinforcement bars have been incorporated to strengthen a material. The shear reinforcement must be provided when the value of actual shear stress exceeds the permissible shear stress of the concrete used. Shear reinforcement is used to prevent failure in shear; this increases the ductility of the beam and considerably reduces the chances of a sudden failure. Furthermore, the anchorage is the embedment of a bar in concrete so that it can carry load through bond between the steel and concrete.

Generally, an inclined bar is one that is employed to resist tension in the bottom of the beam near mid- span and is then bent up at  $45^\circ$  into the top of the member, where it may provide resistance over the support. In such a case, the force in the horizontal parts of the bar must balance the horizontal components of the force in the inclined part and the complementary compressive resistance.

Any form of effectively anchored reinforcement that intersects these diagonal cracks will be able to resist the stress to a certain extent<sup>3</sup>. In practice, shear

reinforcement is provided whether in the form of vertical links, inclined links or combination system of links and bent-up bars. Bent- up bars is normally used to carry heavy shear forces.

Vertical links are simple in fabricating and installing, therefore it is most common used as shear reinforcement in building construction. Links are arranged closely or sometimes double or more shear links are used to resist high shear stress. Congestion near the support of reinforced concrete beam due to the presence of the closely spaced links can increase the cost and time required in fixing the reinforcement.

The use of bent- up bars along with vertical links had been practical before, where all the tensile reinforcement is not required to resist bending moment; some of the bar was bent- up in the region of high shear to form the inclined legs of shear reinforcement. However, inclined bars are seldom used in present- day practice. This is because the cost of bending is not insignificant. They are also difficult to manipulate and fix compare with straight bars, especially in congested situations. In beams with small number of bars provided, the bent- up system is not suitable due to insufficient amount of reinforcement would be left to continue to the support as required by the code of practice.

However, where large concentrated loads must be supported, their use should be considered in order to avoid the congestion that can arise when the multiple- link systems, that would otherwise be necessary, are employed. Inclined bars used as shearing reinforcement must be checked for anchorage and bearing.

In this project, total of five reinforced concrete beams which were contained different types of shear reinforcement and anchorage length were designed and used in the laboratory testing. All the beams were designed to fail in shear. Thus the tension reinforcement and concrete properties recommended need to be considered

and calculated to give a sufficient of bending moment resistance. Furthermore, same grade of concrete and the size are applied to the entire beam. All the beams will be tested and the result will be compared.

## **1.2 Objective of the Studies**

The main objectives of this study are:

- a) To study the effectiveness of independent inclined bars as shear reinforcement in rectangular beams.
- b) To investigate the anchorage length of the independent bent up bar on its capacity in carrying shear.
- c) To study the influence of the amount of the independent bent up bar on its capacity in resisting shear.

### 1.3 Scope of Works

This study was based on the experimental investigation carried out within the scope as below:

- (a) Five reinforced concrete beams which are contained different types of shear reinforcement and anchorage length were designed and used in the laboratory testing.
- (b) Grade C30 concrete are applied the entire beam and the size of the beam were 200mm width x 250mm height x 2300mm length
- (c) Each of the beams was provided with 3T16 as tension reinforcement and 2T10 as top of reinforcement and the variable of vertical links and inclined bars as shear reinforcement system.
- (d) All specimens were tested to failure with two point loads near the support.
- (e) The inclination of the independent bent-up bar was 45 degree from the longitudinal axis and provided within 500mm from support beam.