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ABSTRACT

The use of high-strength steel bars in reinforced concrete coupling beams is expected to reduce reinforcement congestion. A series of tests was conducted to investigate the effects of high-strength reinforcement on coupling beam behavior. This document summarizes the test program and test data.

Eleven large-scale coupling beam specimens were tested under fully reversed cyclic displacements of increasing magnitude. The main variables of the test program included: yield stress of the primary longitudinal reinforcement (Grade 80, 100, and 120 [550, 690, and 830]), span-to-depth (aspect) ratio (1.5, 2.5, and 3.5), and layout of the primary longitudinal reinforcement (diagonal [D] and parallel [P]). All beams had the same nominal concrete compressive strength (8,000 psi [55 MPa]) and cross-sectional dimensions (12 by 18 in. [310 by 460 mm]). Beams were designed for target shear stresses of $8\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi ($0.67\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa) for D-type beams and $6\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi ($0.5\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa) for P-type beams. Transverse reinforcement was Grade 80 (550) in all but one beam, which had Grade 120 (830) reinforcement.

The test program is documented by presenting the details of specimen construction, test setup, instrumentation, and loading protocol. Documentation of test data includes material properties, cyclic force-deformation response, progression of damage, calculated and measured strengths, initial stiffness, and measured reinforcement strains.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Motivation

Reinforced concrete structural walls are a common lateral force resisting system used in medium to high-rise construction. Structural walls resist lateral forces and limit building drift during earthquakes or high wind events. Perforations in a structural wall to accommodate windows, doors, and other building components reduce the stiffness and strength of the lateral force resisting system and may lead to the structural wall acting as a series of independent, smaller structural walls. Coupling beams are used to couple the actions of structural walls, restoring much of the lost stiffness and strength while retaining the openings necessary for building use. The transfer of forces between structural wall segments by coupling beams results in wall axial tension and compression forces that form a moment couple in response to overturning loads.

The geometry of the coupled wall system amplifies interstory wall drifts into greater coupling beam deformations. The large shear and deformation demands placed on reinforced concrete coupling beams require special reinforcement detailing. This detailing is aimed at preventing shear strength and stiffness reductions when the coupling beam is subjected to repeated inelastic loading cycles that would compromise the lateral strength and stiffness of the reinforced concrete coupled wall system.

The amount and detailing of reinforcement required in concrete coupling beams typically cause reinforcement congestion and increase construction costs. Reducing the quantity or size of the coupling beam diagonal and transverse reinforcement by using high-strength reinforcement is one way to reduce reinforcement congestion. The ACI Building Code (ACI 318-14)^[1] limits the nominal yield stress of primary longitudinal reinforcement in special seismic systems to 60 ksi

(420 MPa) and transverse confining reinforcement to 100 ksi (690 MPa) because there are limited experimental data from specimens constructed with high-strength reinforcement. Typical problems associated with the use of high-strength steel in reinforced concrete, such as width of cracks, are not a concern in members primarily designed to resist large, inelastic cyclic deformations. Therefore, there is reason to believe high-strength steel reinforcement can function as diagonal reinforcement in coupling beams.

The ACI Building Code^[1] requires the use of diagonal reinforcement in coupling beams with aspect ratios (ℓ_n/h) less than two and nominal shear stresses higher than $4\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi $(0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa). Coupling beams with aspect ratios not less than four are required to be designed as a beam of a special moment frame. The Code permits coupling beams with aspect ratios between two and four to be designed as either diagonally-reinforced or as special moment frame beams. Diagonal bars in slender beams (with aspect ratios higher than two) have a small angle relative to the horizontal, resulting in a need for large amounts of diagonal reinforcement to resist the shear demand. Slender coupling beams may therefore especially benefit from the use of high-strength reinforcement. The effect of using high-strength steel on the behavior of coupling beams with a representative range of aspect ratios needs to be evaluated.

1.2 Research Objectives

This study was undertaken to investigate the use of high-strength steel as reinforcement in diagonally-reinforced and special moment frame coupling beams. The expected impact of this work is to reduce reinforcement congestion and, as a result, lower construction costs of robust and more efficient reinforced concrete buildings.

The test results presented in this report may be useful as a basis for comparisons between coupling beams reinforced with Grade 80, 100, and 120 (550, 690, and 830) steel bars. They may also be useful for developing and calibrating models for use in design and analysis of systems with high-strength reinforcement.

CHAPTER 2: EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

2.1 Specimens

2.1.1 Design and Detailing

Eleven large-scale coupling beam specimens were subjected to pseudo-static cyclic displacements of increasing magnitude. Details of the specimens are listed in Table 1 and shown in Figures 1 through 23. The approximately ½-scale specimens had nominally the same beam cross sectional dimensions: a height (*h*) of 18 in. (460 mm) and a width (b_w) of 12 in. (300 mm); clear span lengths (ℓ_n) of 27, 45, or 63 in. (690, 1140, or 1600 mm), resulting in aspect ratios (ℓ_n/h) of 1.5, 2.5, or 3.5 (which are similar to the range of aspect ratios commonly used in practice); either Grade 80, 100, or 120 (550, 690, or 830) reinforcing bars; and either diagonal (D-type) or moment-frame (P-type) reinforcement.

Each specimen consisted of a coupling beam that framed into top and bottom blocks. The end blocks had dense reinforcement cages near the connection with the coupling beam to emulate structural wall boundary elements. The coupling beams were tested rotated 90 degrees from horizontal for convenience. All reinforcement in the end blocks was Grade 60 (420) except for the coupling beam reinforcement embedded into the end blocks.

Specimens, such as D120-3.5 or P80-2.5, were named using the following rules: the first letter indicates whether it has diagonal (D) or parallel (P) primary longitudinal reinforcement (see Figure 1), followed by a number that represents the reinforcement grade (in ksi), and the last number (separated by a dash) indicates the coupling beam aspect ratio (clear span to overall height, ℓ_n/h).

One D-type coupling beam was constructed for each combination of aspect ratio (1.5, 2.5, or 3.5) and diagonal bar grade (Grade 80, 100, or 120 [550, 690, or 830]), for a total of nine specimens with D-type reinforcement layout. D-type specimens were designed to have a nominal shear stress of approximately $8\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi (0.67 $\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa) based on f_c' of 8,000 psi (55 MPa). The targeted shear stress is near the maximum design stress of $10\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi (0.71 $\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa) permitted by the ACI Building Code^[11] for diagonally-reinforced coupling beams. Beam shear strength (V_n) was calculated using ACI 318-14 Section 18.10.7.4.a^[11] (Equation 2.1) with nominal f_y . The product of yield stress and reinforcement ratio, ρf_y , was approximately constant for a given beam aspect ratio so the amount of diagonal reinforcement was inversely proportional to its yield stress. Transverse reinforcement was provided in accordance with ACI 318-14 Section 18.10.7.4.d^[11] using Equation 2.2, see below for additional details. The transverse reinforcement was Grade 80 (550) for all beams except D120-2.5, which had Grade 120 (830) transverse reinforcement.

$$V_n = 2A_{vd} f_v \sin \alpha$$
 Equation 2.1

Two P-type coupling beams were constructed with an aspect ratio of 2.5 and either Grade 80 or 100 (550 or 690) longitudinal reinforcement. The target shear stress for the P-type beams was approximately $6\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi ($0.5\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa). This shear stress was based on the beam reaching its probable flexural strength at both ends. Probable flexural strength was calculated using a rectangular stress block for concrete in compression with f_c' of 8,000 psi (55 MPa), linear strain distribution, and elasto-plastic stress-strain behavior for the reinforcement with a maximum stress of $1.25f_y$ in the longitudinal tension reinforcement. The maximum design stress permitted by the Code for beams with special moment frame reinforcement is $6\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi ($0.5\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa). Transverse reinforcement was provided such that 0.75 times the nominal shear strength of a P-type coupling

beam exceeded the shear demand associated with probable flexural strength at both ends of the beam.

The coupling beams described in Table 1 are similar to those tested by Naish et al.^[16], which included diagonally-reinforced beams with aspect ratios of 2.4 and 3.3, Grade 60 (420) reinforcement, and confinement for the entire beam cross section. The similarities between the beams allow the use of those tested by Naish et al. as control beams; the scope of this study was therefore focused on beams with higher-grade reinforcement. However, there were some differences in the designs that caused the beams in this study to be subjected to more demanding conditions. First, the design shear stresses for D-type beams in this study were 10% to 70% higher than the design shear stresses used by Naish et al., where nominal shear stresses of $7.3\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi $(0.61\sqrt{f_c'} \text{ MPa})$ and $4.8\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi $(0.40\sqrt{f_c'} \text{ MPa})$ were used for diagonally-reinforced beams with aspect ratios of 2.4 and 3.3, respectively; and second, the volumetric ratios of transverse reinforcement for D-type beams in this study were approximately 20% lower (but still compliant with the ACI Building Code^[11]) than those used by Naish et al.

The specimens in this study are also similar to those described in Ameen et al.^[3] and Poudel et al.^[18] which included diagonally-reinforced coupling beams with an aspect ratio of 1.9, Grades 60 and 120 (420 and 830) reinforcement, full-section confinement, and several coupling beams with fully-developed secondary longitudinal reinforcement. However, the design shear stresses in Ameen et al. and Poudel et al. were approximately 10 to $14\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi (0.83 to $1.2\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa), approximately 20% to 80% higher than the design shear stresses of the D-type beams in this study. Another difference was that coupling beams in this study were free to elongate axially whereas some of the beams tested by Ameen et al. and Poudel et al. were restrained axially. This may have caused those beams to exhibit somewhat higher shear forces and lower chord rotation capacities. Finally, the beam widths in this study were 12 in. (300 mm) rather than 10 in. (250 mm). The 20% increase in width was not expected to affect results and allowed more options when selecting transverse reinforcement for concrete confinement.

The coupling beams had No. 6 (19) or No. 7 (22) Grade 80, 100, or 120 (550, 690, or 830) steel bars as primary longitudinal reinforcement. D-type specimens were constructed with two bundles of diagonal reinforcing bars that intersected near midspan of the coupling beam with an angle of inclination between 10 and 23 degrees depending on the aspect ratio. P-type specimens were constructed with six parallel reinforcing bars, three near each of the extreme fibers of the beam cross section. The design data in Table 1 include the quantity and minimum straight embedment length (ℓ_e) of the primary longitudinal reinforcement of the coupling beams into the top and bottom blocks. The as-built dimensions of the specimens are shown in Figures 2 through 23.

Transverse reinforcement, in the form of closed hoops and crossties oriented parallel to both strong and weak axes, was used in all D-type beams to provide full-section confinement. For D-type beams, the transverse reinforcement was not considered when calculating the shear strength in accordance with Equation 2.1 following ACI 318-14 Section 18.10.7.4.a^[1]. Instead, it met the requirements of ACI 318-14 Section 18.10.7.4.d^[1] (shown in Equation 2.2). All D-type beams had No. 3 (10) Grade 80 (550) transverse reinforcement except D120-2.5, where No. 3 (10) Grade 120 (830) was used. Each layer of transverse reinforcement in D-type beams consisted of a closed hoop with seismic hooks (135 degrees), one crosstie along the beam depth, and two crossties along the beam width. All crossties had one end with a 135 degree hook and the other with a 90 degree hook, as permitted by ACI 318-14^[1]. Beam cross sections for the D-type beams are shown in Figures 2

through 19. The longitudinal spacing of each layer of transverse reinforcement in the D-type beams was 3 in. (76 mm). For both transverse directions of the cross-sectional area of D-type beams, the amount of transverse reinforcement provided closely match the amount required by Equation 2.2 (based on ACI 318-14 Section 18.10.7.4.d^[1]):

$$A_{sh} \ge [0.09 \text{ s} b_c f'_c / f_{yt}; 0.3 \text{ s} b_c \left(\frac{A_g}{A_{ch}} - 1\right) f'_c / f_{yt}]$$
 Equation 2.2

Beam cross sections for P-type beams are shown in Figures 21 and 23, where the transverse reinforcement was designed such that 0.75 times the nominal shear strength exceeded the shear force associated with the probable flexural strength being developed at both ends of the beam. The shear strength attributed to the concrete was zero. The resulting longitudinal spacing of transverse reinforcement for P80-2.5 and P100-2.5 was 3.5 in. (89 mm) and 3 in. (76 mm), respectively. These spacings satisfied ACI 318-14 Section 18.6.4.4^[1].

Following recommendations by NIST GCR 14-917- $30^{[17]}$, the maximum spacing of transverse reinforcement for both D-type and P-type beams was limited to $5d_b$ for beams with Grade 80 (550) longitudinal reinforcement and $4d_b$ for beams with Grade 100 or 120 (690 or 830) longitudinal reinforcement.

D-type specimens had ten secondary longitudinal No. 3 (10) bars distributed around the perimeter of the beam such that each secondary longitudinal bar was supported by either a crosstie or a corner of a hoop. These bars were Grade 80 (550) for all specimens except for D120-2.5, where all bars were Grade 120 (830). Consistent with the detailing recommended in the ACI Building Code^[1] commentary, the secondary longitudinal reinforcement was terminated 2 in. (51 mm) into the top and bottom blocks for all specimens except D120-2.5. The No. 3 (10)
longitudinal bars in D120-2.5 were extended into the end blocks a length sufficient to develop a stress of $1.25f_y$. This deviation, along with the Grade 120 (830) transverse reinforcement, was done to explore whether developing the secondary longitudinal reinforcement and providing excess transverse reinforcement (by means of higher f_{yt}) would cause improved deformation capacity by inhibiting the concentration of damage at the block-beam interfaces.

2.1.2 Materials

2.1.2.1 Concrete

Ready-mix concrete with a maximum aggregate size of 0.5 in. (13 mm), provided by a local supplier, was used to cast the specimens. The specified compressive strength (f_{c}) was 8,000 psi (55 MPa). The measured compressive and tensile strengths of concrete (f_{cm} and f_{ct} in Table 2) were obtained from tests of 6 by 12 in. (150 by 300 mm) standard concrete cylinders following ASTM C39^[9] and C496^[11]. Slump of the plastic concrete was obtained in accordance with ASTM C143^[10]. Slump measurements and concrete mixture proportions are shown in Table 3.

2.1.2.2 Reinforcing Steel

Deformed steel reinforcing bars were used for all reinforcement. Mill certifications for reinforcing bars used as Grade 80 and 100 (550 and 690) showed compliance with ASTM A615^[6] Grades 80 and 100 (550 and 690). Mill certifications for reinforcing bars used as Grade 120 (830) showed compliance with ASTM A1035^[8] Grade 120 (830). Mechanical properties of reinforcing bars (Table 4) used in the beams were obtained from tensile tests in accordance with ASTM A370^[5]. Figure 24 shows sample tensile test results of the six types of reinforcing bars used in the coupling beams.

Reinforcement used to construct the top and bottom blocks was Grade 60 (420) and complied with ASTM A615^[6] Grade 60 (420).

2.1.3 Construction

Photos taken during various stages of specimen construction are shown in Figures B.1 through B.8 of Appendix B. The specimens were cast monolithically with the top and bottom block formwork lying flat on the laboratory floor. The coupling beam concrete was supported with elevated wood formwork because the width of the beams was narrower than the width of the end blocks. Construction of each specimen included the assembly of reinforcing bar cages, installation of strain gauges on relevant reinforcing bars, construction of wooden formwork, and placement of the concrete. After casting, specimens and cylinders were covered with wet burlap and plastic sheets until formwork removal three to five days after casting. Specimens were kept in a climate-controlled laboratory from casting to testing.

2.2 Test Setup

The test setup is shown in Figures 25 through 27. The bottom block of each specimen was bolted to the laboratory strong floor with two unbonded 2.5-in. (64-mm) diameter high-strength threaded rods passing through the bottom block and strong floor. Two hydraulic actuators acting in parallel were used to load the specimens. The actuators each have a stroke length of 40 in. (1020 mm) and a force capacity of 220 kips (980 kN). The two actuators were connected to the strong wall and the specimen by means of vertically oriented HP steel sections. Actuator elevations are indicated in Table 5 and illustrated in Figures 28 through 30. One of the HP sections was connected to the top block of the specimen with two hollow structural steel (HSS) sections (acting as a spacer) transmitting compression when the actuators pushed the specimen and six unbonded

2.25-in. (57-mm) diameter high-strength threaded rods transmitting tension when the actuators pulled the specimen. Additional steel fixtures were used to externally brace the HP section against out-of-plane motions. Mirrored steel (attached to the HP section), nylon pads (attached to the external bracing system), and white lithium grease (between the mirrored steel and nylon pads) were used to minimize friction between the HP section and the external bracing.

2.3 Instrumentation

Several instruments were used to record specimen response during the tests: one linear variable differential transformers (LVDT) and load cell integral to each actuator; two LVDTs attached to the top block; an infrared non-contact position measurement system; and strain gauges attached to reinforcing bars. Actuator load cell data were used to report the applied shear throughout the tests. LVDT data are not reported because they are redundant with data from the infrared position measurement system.

2.3.1 Linear Variable Differential Transformers (LVDTs)

Movement of the top block was recorded with two LVDTs (Figure 31). These results were used to validate the measurements made with the infrared position measurement system. These LVDTs were attached to the top block face opposite to the actuators, horizontally centered with respect to the thickness of the top block. They were located approximately 24 and 36 in. (610 and 910 mm) above the bottom of the top block.

2.3.2 Infrared Non-Contact Position Measurement System

The motion capture system recorded the positions of optical markers attached to the surface of each specimen (63, 83, or 94 markers for beams with aspect ratios of 1.5, 2.5 or 3.5) and three

optical markers attached to a rigid stand on the laboratory floor. The markers emit infrared light pulses that are detected by the infrared camera system. The spatial coordinates of the markers were triangulated and recorded throughout the tests. The markers were arranged in a 4-in. (100-mm) square grid over one face of the coupling beam and part of the top and bottom blocks, as shown in Figure 32.

2.3.3 Strain Gauges

Several 120-ohm electrical resistance strain gauges were applied to selected reinforcing bars prior to casting. D-type specimens were instrumented with at least 31 strain gauges and P-type specimens with at least 22. Figures 33 and 34 generically show locations where a strain gauge was used in at least one specimen. Tables 6 and 7 identify the strain gauge locations for each specimen and indicate which gauges malfunctioned prior to testing. Strain gauges on diagonal reinforcement (D in D-type beams) and developed longitudinal reinforcement (P in P-type beams and H in D120-2.5) were rated for 15% strain (150 millistrains) to allow strain measurements near fracture elongation of reinforcement. The remaining strain gauges were rated for 5% strain.

2.4 Loading Protocol

Specimens were subjected to a series of reversed cyclic displacements following the protocol described in Table 8 and shown in Figure 35, patterned after the protocol recommended in FEMA 461^[14]. Several small cycles were imposed prior to testing (with forces too small to cause cracking) to facilitate tightening of the threaded rods connecting the bottom block to the strong floor and the top block to the actuators. Force-based control was used for the first few cycles of loading before yielding of the reinforcement. Displacement-based control was used starting at 0.5% chord rotation for beams with aspect ratios of 1.5 and 2.5 and 0.75% chord rotation for beams

with an aspect ratio of 3.5. Testing continued until the beam residual strength was nearly 20% of the peak strength, provided instability was not a concern.

The weight of all fixtures (HP sections, spacer sections, steel plates, and actuators) eccentrically attached to the specimen (Figure 25) caused a permanent moment of approximately 42 ft-kips (57 m-kN) prior to loading. At the start of the test, an equal and opposite moment was applied using the actuators.

Applied forces or displacements were selected to minimize the relative rotation between top and bottom blocks (i.e., the difference between the top block rotation and the bottom block rotation). This was done to ensure that double-curvature was imposed on the coupling beam, resulting in an inflection point near beam midspan.

The loading rates are given in Table 8 for coupling beams with aspect ratios of 1.5 and 2.5; coupling beams with an aspect ratio of 3.5 were tested at twice the given rates. Loading rates were periodically increased in increments of 0.01 in./sec (0.25 mm/sec) as chord rotation demands increased.

CHAPTER 3: EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

3.1 Measured Shear versus Chord Rotation

Chord rotation (CR) of the coupling beam is defined as the displacement of the top block relative to the bottom block divided by the length of the beam clear span and corrected for rotation of the top and bottom blocks:

$$CR = \frac{\delta_{top} - \delta_{bot}}{l_n} - \frac{\theta_{top} + \theta_{bot}}{2}$$
 Equation 3.1

Figure 36 shows the generalized deformed shape of a coupling beam with displacement and rotational components identified. The chord rotation represents the average of the relative rotation at each end of the coupling beam. Figure 36 corresponds to a specimen elevation view from laboratory north with the top block displacement (δ_{top}) and bottom block displacement (δ_{bot}) positive when moving eastward (away from the laboratory strong wall). Figure 36 also shows positive top block rotation (θ_{top}) and bottom block rotation (θ_{bot}) as counterclockwise rotation when viewed from laboratory north.

Displacements and rotations were calculated from measurements obtained with the infrared non-contact position measuring system (Section 2.3.1) and checked with data from the redundant LVDTs. The infrared markers were offset from the edges of the top and bottom blocks by approximately 2.5 in. (64 mm) to reduce the probability of losing an end-block marker (due to concrete spalling) during the test. This offset was accounted for in the components of Equation 3.1.

3.2 Specimen Response and Observations

The eleven specimens described in Chapter 2 were subjected to the loading protocol discussed in Section 2.4. Table 9 summarizes the deformation capacity and maximum shear of each coupling beam. Maximum shear stress was normalized by the square root of the concrete compressive strength at the time of testing (f_{cm} in Table 2). General observations during testing of each specimen are summarized in Sections 3.2.1 through 3.2.11.

The measured force-deformation relationships for each coupling beam are plotted in Figures 37 through 47 in terms of shear versus chord rotation and discussed in the following sections. A shear-chord rotation envelope for each coupling beam was developed in accordance with ASCE 41-17 Section 7.6.3.1.1^[4] by connecting the maximum displacement of the first cycle of each loading step. The envelopes thus generated were superimposed on the measured shear-chord rotation data in Figures 48 through 58. Coordinates of the breakpoints for the envelopes are listed in Tables 10 through 13.

Two definitions were used for deformation capacity or chord rotation capacity in Table 9. The first, called Deformation Capacity A, was defined as the average of the maximum chord rotation reached in each loading direction while sustaining 80% of the maximum strength in that loading direction. The second, called Deformation Capacity B, was defined as the average of the chord rotations in each loading direction where the envelope of the shear versus chord rotation curve formed by connecting the maximum chord rotation of the first cycle of each loading step intersects with 80% of the maximum applied shear (in each loading direction).

Both definitions of chord rotation capacity are provided because the distinctions may appeal to designers and researchers differently. Deformation Capacity A is a more stringent appraisal of chord rotation capacity and represents chord rotations the coupling beam was actually subjected to. Deformation Capacity B, which is based on an envelope drawn according to ASCE 41-17^[4], is based on the assumption that force-deformation relationships are represented by linear interpolations between measured values. Deformation Capacity B is less sensitive to loading protocol than Deformation Capacity A and is also always greater than or equal to Deformation Capacity A. Deformation capacity in this report refers to Deformation Capacity B unless otherwise noted.

The deformation capacity of each D-type beam is shown in Figure 59, organized by aspect ratio (ℓ_n/h) and measured yield stress (f_{ym}) of the diagonal reinforcement. Deformation capacity for D-type beams is positively correlated to aspect ratio and negatively correlated to the yield stress of the diagonal reinforcement. The deformation capacity of D120-2.5 deviates from the trend shown by the beams with aspect ratios of 2.5. This may be attributable to the higher ρf_{yt} and/or the fully-developed secondary longitudinal reinforcement distributing the damage away from the beam-end interfaces.

3.2.1 D80-1.5

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation in Figure 37 for D80-1.5. The coupling beam completed both cycles to 6% chord rotation (Step 10 of the loading protocol in Table 8) before strength notably diminished. The second excursion to -6% reached a shear of approximately 80% of the strength after at least one bar fractured. This resulted in a deformation capacity of 6.9% (as reported in Table 9). One cycle to 8% chord rotation (Step 11 in Table 8) was completed before the test was terminated. Strength loss was initiated by buckling of diagonal bars which fractured in subsequent opposite loading cycles.

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation in Figure 38 for D100-1.5. This coupling beam completed both cycles to 4% chord rotation (Step 9) before multiple bar fractures occurred during the first cycle to 6% and strength diminished rapidly. This resulted in a deformation capacity of 5.3% (as reported in Table 9). One excursion to +8% chord rotation (Step 11) was attempted but aborted at approximately +6.1% due to stability concerns from the numerous bar fractures during the previous loading cycle (Step 10B). Strength loss was initiated by buckling of the diagonal bars followed by bar fractures in subsequent cycles.

3.2.3 D120-1.5

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation in Figure 39 for D120-1.5. The coupling beam completed both cycles to 3% chord rotation (Step 8) and the first excursion to 4%. However, an exception to the testing protocol occurred during the first excursion to -4% (Step 9). The coupling beam displaced through -4.9% before fracturing all reinforcing bars in one group of diagonal bars near the top end of the beam. The sudden bar fractures caused a large increase in top block rotation, resulting in a large increase in chord rotation to 8.1%. There was no prior evidence of bar buckling or fracture. The test resumed with cycles to 4% and 6% chord rotations (Steps 9 and 10). The deformation capacity was 5.2% based on the definition of Deformation Capacity B (as reported in Table 9).

Reinforcing bar fractures near -5% suggest that the beam would not have completed Step 10 if the exception to the loading protocol had not occurred. Failure was imminent regardless of the testing protocol. It was observed after testing that all four reinforcing bars in one of the diagonal-bar bundles near the top of the coupling beam had fractured.

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation in Figure 40 for D80-2.5. The coupling beam completed two cycles to 6% chord rotation (Step 10) and half of a cycle to 8% chord rotation before strength diminished by more than 20%. This resulted in a deformation capacity of 7.6% (as reported in Table 9). One cycle to 10% chord rotation (Step 12) was completed before the test was terminated. Strength loss was due to fracture of diagonal bars near the ends of the coupling beam after they were observed to have buckled in a prior cycle.

3.2.5 D100-2.5

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation for D100-2.5 in Figure 41. The coupling beam reached chord rotations of -4.7%^a and +6% in each loading direction before a 20% loss of strength, resulting in a deformation capacity of 6% (as reported in Table 9). Loading continued until nearly two cycles at 8% chord rotation (Step 11) were completed. Strength loss was caused by fracture of one set of diagonal bars near the top end of the coupling beam after they were observed to have buckled in a prior cycle.

3.2.6 D120-2.5

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation for D120-2.5 in Figure 42. The deformation capacity of the coupling beam was 6.9% (as reported in Table 9). Beam strength began to diminish in the first cycle to 6% with bar fractures occurring during the second excursion to +6%. Loading continued until completion of two cycles to 8% (Step 11). Strength loss was associated with hoop opening and bar buckling followed by bar fracture in both diagonal bundles

^a A chord rotation of 4% was targeted.

near the bottom end of the coupling beam. Several longitudinal No. 3 bars also fractured. D120-2.5 had longitudinal No. 3 bars extended into the end blocks for a length sufficient to develop 1.25 times the specified yield stress of the bar at the face of the end blocks. This may have contributed to achieving a maximum shear stress of $15\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi $(1.25\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa).

3.2.7 D80-3.5

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation in Figure 43 for D80-3.5. The coupling beam completed one cycle to 8% chord rotation (Step 11) before bar fractures occurred during the second excursion to +8% with a strength loss of approximately 30%. This resulted in a deformation capacity of 8.6% (as reported in Table 9). Testing continued through one cycle of 10% (Step 12). A second excursion to +10% chord rotation was attempted but aborted due to numerous bar fractures at approximately +3%. Strength loss was due to buckling followed by fracture of diagonal bars near the ends of the coupling beam.

3.2.8 D100-3.5

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation in Figure 44 for D100-3.5. The coupling beam completed one cycle to 6% chord rotation (Step 10) before bar fractures occurred during the second excursion to +6% with a strength loss of nearly 20%. This resulted in a deformation capacity of 6.8% (as reported in Table 9). Testing continued through one cycle of 10% (Step 12). Strength loss was due to fractures of diagonal bars near the ends of the coupling beam after they were observed to have buckled in previous cycles. Large out-of-plane deformations (2.7% of the beam clear span) occurred during the second cycle to 6% chord rotation.

Measured shear force is plotted versus chord rotation in Figure 45 for D120-3.5. The coupling beam completed one cycle to 6% chord rotation (Step 10) before bar fractures occurred during the second excursion to +6% with a strength loss of nearly 80%. This resulted in a deformation capacity of 6.7% (as reported in Table 9). Testing continued through two cycles of 8% (Step 11). Strength loss was due to buckling followed by fracture of diagonal bars near the ends of the coupling beam.

Continuous data from the position tracking marker system are unavailable after the second 2% cycle (Step 7) due to a recording error of the primary data acquisition system. However, shear-chord rotation coordinates were also recorded each time the test was paused with independent software that used optical character recognition to capture in real-time the display of the primary data acquisition system. These discrete data are shown in Figure 45 as hollow points connected with dotted lines.

3.2.10 P80-2.5

Test results are plotted for P80-2.5 in terms of measured shear force versus chord rotation in Figure 46. The deformation capacity of the coupling beam was 3.9% (as reported in Table 9). Although strength began to diminish in the second excursion to a chord rotation of -3%, the first excursion to +4% reached a shear that was greater than 80% of the strength in the positive loading direction. Loading continued until two cycles to 6% chord rotation (Step 10) had been completed. No bar fracture was observed during the test. Strength loss was due to shear strength decay, with damage concentrated near the ends of the coupling beam. 3.2.11 P100-2.5

Test results are plotted for P100-2.5 in terms of measured shear force versus chord rotation in Figure 47. The chord rotation capacity of the coupling beam was 4.1% (as reported in Table 9). The first cycle to +3% was the last cycle to exceed 80% of the strength in the positive loading direction. The second excursion to a chord rotation of -3% reached a shear nearly equal to 80% of the strength in the negative loading direction, while the first excursion to -4% exceeded the 80% threshold. Loading continued until two cycles to 6% chord rotation (Step 10) had been completed. No bar fracture was observed after the test. Strength loss was due to shear strength decay associated with damage near the ends of the coupling beam.

3.3 ASCE 41 Envelopes

Figures 60 through 64 show the shear-chord rotation envelopes of the tested beams grouped by aspect ratio (ℓ_n/h of 1.5, 2.5, or 1.5) and reinforcement layout (D- or P-type beams). The plots also include the generalized force-deformation curve for modeling coupling beams as defined in ASCE 41-17 Table 10-19^[4]. The coordinates of points A through E are based on Figure 10-1(b)^[4] (shown in Figure 65), which depend on parameters *c*, *d*, and *e* in Table 10-19^[4]. For D-type beams, Table 10 19^[4] gives c = 0.8, d = 0.03, and e = 0.05. For P-type beams with conforming transverse reinforcement and shear stresses greater than or equal to $6\sqrt{f_c'} b_w d$ psi ($0.5\sqrt{f_c'} b_w d$ MPa), Table 10 19^[4] gives c = 0.5, d = 0.02, and e = 0.04. Parameters *c*, *d*, and *e* correspond, respectively, to the residual strength ratio (or shear at points D and E in relation to point B); the deformation at peak force (or chord rotation at point C); and the maximum deformation before total loss of strength (or chord rotation at point E). In ASCE 41-17^[4], point B is generally associated with the calculated member strength based on the measured yield strength of reinforcement f_{ym} , whereas point C is generally based on $1.25f_{ym}$.

For D-type beams, the ordinate of point B in Figures 60 through 62 was determined based on the target design shear stress of $8\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi (0.67 $\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa), as indicated by the average v_e in Table 1, and the ordinate of point C was based on $10\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi (0.83 $\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa), or 5/4 of the ordinate of point B.

For P-type beams, the ordinate of point C in Figure 63 was determined based on the target design shear stress of $6\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi $(0.5\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa), as indicated by the average v_e in Table 1, and the ordinate of point B was based on $4.8\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi $(0.40\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa), or 4/5 of the ordinate of point C.

The slope from points A to B (initial stiffness) was calculated based on ASCE 41-17 Table $10-5^{[4]}$ using a flexural rigidity of $E_c I_{eff}$, where $I_{eff} = 0.3I_g$, and a shear rigidity of $G_c A_{eff}$, where $A_{eff} = 1.0A_w$. The initial slope of the shear versus chord rotation curve (in units of force/rad) is given by

$$K = \frac{1}{\frac{l_n^2}{12E_c I_{eff}} + \frac{1}{G_c A_{eff}}}$$
Equation 3.2

Figures 60 through 63 show Point B was not enclosed by the envelopes of any of the coupling beams, which indicates that the beams had less stiffness than expected based on the ASCE 41-17^[4] provisions. Beam stiffness is discussed in more detail in Section 3.6.

Figures 60 through 63 show that envelopes from the measured test data of each coupling beam exceeded the chord rotation capacity that ASCE 41-17^[4] assigns to coupling beams that are compliant with ACI 318-14^[1].

Figure 63 shows that the shear strength exhibited by P100-2.5 was higher than the shear force at point C though the shear strength of P80-2.5 was not. This can be attributed to the different design strengths of the P-type beams. The design shear stresses of P80-2.5 and P100-2.5 were 5.2 and $6.4\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi (0.43 and $0.53\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa), respectively. When the shear force applied to each P-type beam is normalized by the shear force associated with the nominal flexural strength (M_{nm}), as shown in Figure 64, both P-type beams exceeded the normalized shear at point B, which is shown as ±1.0, indicating that both beams exceeded their nominal strength. However, neither P-type beam reached a peak that exceeded the normalized shear at point C, which is shown as ±1.25. This indicates that an acceptable upper bound for the shear demand in P-type coupling beams may be determined using 1.25 M_{nm} .

3.4 Progression of Damage

The condition of the specimens (viewed from the south) during the last cycle to target chord rotations of 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10% are shown in Figures C.1 through C.109 of Appendix C. The locations of necked and fractured bars were recorded after each test, as shown in Figures 66 through 76.

The first flexural cracks in each test were frequently observed during the first cycle to 0.2% chord rotation. Flexural and shear cracks continued to develop until testing ceased but most cracks initiated before 2% chord rotation, after which cracks primarily widened and lengthened.

Horizontal cracking, associated with flexural cracking, was observed on both 12-in. (300-mm) faces of the coupling beam. When these cracks penetrated through the 18-in. (460-mm) depth of the coupling beam, some remained perpendicular to the beam longitudinal axis but they frequently developed into inclined flexure-shear cracks. Horizontal cracks were most likely to become inclined away from the beam ends but toward the nearest support.

All specimens had horizontal cracks extending across the 18-in. (460-mm) beam depth at both ends of the coupling beam early in the tests. These cracks tended to become wide as rotations concentrated near the face of the top and bottom blocks. These concentrated rotations are attributed to elongation and slip of the longitudinal reinforcement inside the end blocks, also referred to as strain penetration.

Inclined (shear) cracks formed along the 18-in. (460-mm) face of the beam, primarily developing from the tips of horizontal (flexural) cracks. Most inclined cracks were oriented at approximately 45 degrees from the beam longitudinal axis. Corner to corner cracks only occurred in the beams with an aspect ratio of 1.5, see cracks on D80-1.5 (Figure C.1) or D120-1.5 (Figure C.20). The spacing of inclined cracks was fairly even near midspan of the beams.

Most of the fractured diagonal reinforcement was observed to buckle in a half-cycle prior to fracturing. For example, buckling of reinforcing bars in the bottom west bar bundle of D80-1.5 was observed at -6% chord rotation (shown in Figure C.8) followed by bar fracture en route to +8% chord rotation (shown in Figure C.9). This type of buckling-induced fracture may be due to the bar exceeding a "critical bending strain" from large curvature demands on the bar during buckling. The testing of Barcley and Kowalsky (2019)^[13] showed that the magnitude of the imposed strain due to buckling influences the tensile strain capacity of reinforcing bars tested

under cyclic loading. No visible buckling, necking, or fracture was observed for the primary longitudinal reinforcement in the P-type beams. However, the primary longitudinal reinforcement was deformed laterally (shown in Figure C.99) near the coupling beam ends as a result of concentrated shear deformations (also referred to as sliding shear).

One beam end exhibited more damage than the other in most specimens. Differences between beam ends were least pronounced in D80-1.5, D80-2.5, D120-2.5, and D80-3.5, which are shown near final loading steps in Figures C.2, C.29, C.51, and C.61. This list consists of the three D-type specimens with Grade 80 (550) primary reinforcement and the single D-type Grade 120 (830) specimen with developed No. 3 (10) secondary longitudinal reinforcement. The more symmetrical behavior in the Grade 80 (550) beams may be due to reduced occurrence of buckling. It is likely that fewer Grade 80 (550) diagonal bars buckled because spacing of transverse reinforcement in all D-type beams was identical (3 in. [76 mm]). The likelihood of buckling for Grade 80 (550) bars was reduced due to lower stress demands (associated with their lower yield stress). In addition, some Grade 80 (550) diagonals used larger diameter bars with lower slenderness ratios.

The development of the No. 3 (10) reinforcement in D120-2.5 likely contributed to the more symmetric observed damage because it forced beam deformations to be less concentrated at the beam ends. During chord rotation cycles to 6%, specimens D100-1.5 and D120-1.5 (Figures C.12 and C.21) with secondary longitudinal reinforcement terminating at 2 in. (51 mm) into the end blocks had damage concentrated near the beam ends. During chord rotation cycles to 6%, D100-2.5 (Figure C.41) had concrete loss due to crushing or spalling extending approximately 3 to 4 in. (76 and 100 mm) away from the end blocks. The damage at the bottom end was primarily localized in the bottom east corner, corresponding to the compression zone for positive chord

rotations. The damage to the top end was distributed across the entire 18-in. (460-mm) beam width. In contrast, D120-2.5 at chord rotations of -6% (Figure C.51) had visible damage to its concrete across the entire 18-in. (460-mm) beam width and extended approximately 8 in. (200 mm) away from the face of the end blocks.

3.5 Calculated and Measured Strengths of Specimens

Table 14 shows the maximum measured and calculated strengths for each specimen and the measured-to-calculated strength ratio. The calculated shear strength of the D-type beams, V_{nm} , was obtained by substituting measured yield stress, f_{ym} , into Equation 2.1, which corresponds to the nominal strength of a diagonally-reinforced coupling beam according to ACI 318-14 Section 18.10.7.4.a^[1]. The developed No. 3 (10) reinforcement in D120-2.5 were not considered in calculations as the ACI equation neglects developed longitudinal reinforcement in diagonallyreinforced coupling beams.

The calculated strength of the P-type beams, V_{nm} , corresponds to the shear stress associated with the nominal flexural strength occurring at both ends of the beam, calculated using a tensile bar stress of $1.0f_{ym}$, a concrete compressive strength of f_{cm} , and including the contribution of reinforcement in compression. Values of f_{cm} and f_{ym} were taken from Tables 2 and 4.

The average ratio of measured-to-calculated strength was 1.48 for D-type beams and 1.15 for P-type beams. The higher average ratio for D-type beams may be because the calculated strength, V_{nm} , depends only on the diagonal reinforcement and neglects the contribution of the concrete and transverse reinforcement. These results are consistent with those from other studies^[3, 15, 16]. The ratios for the D-type beams ranged from 1.28 to 1.68, excluding D120-2.5 which had a

ratio of 1.90 partly due to developing the No. 3 (10) bars (secondary longitudinal reinforcement) into the end blocks. All of the measured-to-calculated strength ratios for D120 beams were higher than those of D80 and D100 beams with the same aspect ratio.

For D-type beams, the measured-to-calculated strength ratio would reduce from 1.48 to 1.18 if the strength is estimated using $1.25f_{ym}$ instead of $1.0f_{ym}$. Alternative calculations based on probable flexural strength (using $1.25f_{ym}$) and accounting for the projected area of steel may also provide additional accuracy. This is further examined in other work^[3, 15, 18].

3.6 Stiffness

Secant stiffness (K_S) refers to the slope of a line drawn from a point at the origin of the force-deformation envelope to any other point on the envelope. Secant stiffness was calculated with Equation 3.3. This definition of stiffness is based on deformations defined using chord rotation times clear span length ($CR \ l_n$). For each of the coordinates (CR, V) presented in Tables 10 through 13, the corresponding K_s are tabulated.

$$K_S = \frac{V}{CR \ l_n}$$
Equation 3.3

Shear-chord rotation envelope data, shown in Tables 10 through 13, were used to estimate the initial stiffness (K_e) and the corresponding effective moment of inertia (I_{eff}) for each of the coupling beams. The initial stiffness was defined as the secant stiffness to a notional first yield, which was assumed to occur at a shear equal to $0.75V_{max}$. Two initial stiffness values were determined for each coupling beam, one for each loading direction. This definition of initial stiffness was selected because it is simple and it was observed that tangential stiffness visibly decreased beyond the assumed notional first yield. Chord rotations (CR_{75}) associated with 0.75 V_{max} are listed in Tables 10 through 13 and identified with a diamond in the envelopes of shear versus chord rotation in Figures 77 through 80.

Values of K_e in the positive loading direction ranged from 990 kips/in. (173 kN/mm) in D80-1.5 to 167 kips/in. (29 kN/mm) in D120-3.5. Although similar stiffness values were expected for both loading directions, minor differences were observed. Values of K_e in the negative loading direction were within 7% of its positive loading counterpart for beams with aspect ratios of 2.5 and 3.5 but a difference of up to 22% was observed for beams with aspect ratios of 1.5. The greater difference for beams with aspect ratios of 1.5 was in part due to the smaller displacement associated with the first yield of beams with a clear span of 27 in. (690 mm). Note that a chord rotation of CR_{75} = -0.55%, as seen in Table 10 for D80-1.5, corresponds to a displacement (corrected for relative rotation of the end blocks) of -0.15 in. (3.8 mm).

Values of K_e were negatively correlated to both beam aspect ratio and primary reinforcement grade. The average values of K_e for the D-type beams with an aspect ratio of 1.5, 2.5, and 3.5 were 920, 362, and 206 kips/in. (160, 63, and 36 kN/mm), respectively. For P-type beams with an aspect ratio of 2.5, the average value of K_e was 277 kips/in. (49 kN/mm).

Comparisons among beams grouped by grade of the primary reinforcement show that K_e was inversely proportional to reinforcement grade. This observation is consistent with the coupling beam test data reported by Ameen^[3]. Values of K_e for D80-1.5 were approximately 20% greater than K_e for D100-1.5 and approximately 50% greater than K_e for D120-1.5. A similar trend was observed for D80-3.5 when compared with D100-3.5 and D120-3.5. Values of K_e for P80-2.5 were approximately 20% greater than K_e for P100-2.5.

An effective moment of inertia (I_{eff}) for both loading directions was calculated using Equation 3.4, which attributes all deformations to flexure. Values of I_{eff} are plotted in Figures 81 and 82 as the ratio of I_{eff} to either the gross moment of inertia (I_g) or transformed uncracked moment of inertia (I_{tr}) . For D-type beams, the value of I_{tr} accounts for the projected area of the diagonal steel bars and the net area of concrete.

$$I_{eff} = \frac{0.75 V_{max} l_n^2}{12 E_c C R_{75}}$$
 Equation 3.4

The effective moments of inertia normalized by I_g and I_{tr} in Figures 81 and 82 have similar trends. Both aspect ratio (l_n/h) and I_{eff}/I_g were positively correlated for D-type beams, with average values of 0.05, 0.09, and 0.14 for l_n/h of 1.5, 2.5, and 3.5, respectively. The average I_{eff}/I_g for P-type beams was approximately 0.07. The positive correlation of I_{eff}/I_g and I_{eff}/I_{tr} to l_n/h may in part be due to the more important role of shear deformations in the behavior of beams with small l_n/h . In other words, I_{eff}/I_g was lower for beams with higher shear deformations than for those with lower shear deformations. The negative correlation between reinforcement grade and both I_{eff}/I_g and I_{eff}/I_{tr} is attributed to the amount of longitudinal reinforcement used in the beams, which was inversely proportional to the steel grade. Beams with l_n/h of 3.5, namely, D80-3.5, D100-3.5, and D120-3.5, had I_{eff}/I_{tr} of 0.13, 0.11, and 0.09, respectively. The trend was less pronounced in D-type beams with l_n/h of 2.5, but this was expected because D120-2.5 had the secondary longitudinal reinforcement developed into the end blocks, which may have increased the cracked stiffness of the beam.

3.7 Measured Reinforcement Strains

Reinforcing bars were instrumented with electrical resistance strain gauges as described in Section 2.3.3 and listed in Tables 6 and 7. All strain gauge data are reported assuming zero strain in the reinforcement at the start of the tests. The layout of strain gauges is shown in Figures 33 and 34. Measured strain data versus chord rotation are shown in Figures 83 through 446 with a sketch of the specimen reinforcement and the location (circled) of the strain gauge providing the plotted data. The figures are sorted by specimen identification followed by strain gauge identification: D for Diagonal bars in D-type beams; P for primary Parallel bars in P-type beams; S for closed Stirrups; H for secondary Horizontal longitudinal bars in D-type beams; and T for Transverse crossties. Bars with H gauges were in the horizontal position during casting.

Figures 447 through 488 show the envelope of measured strains at the peak chord rotation of each loading step (Table 8). It is important to note that higher strains may have occurred during a cycle that did not define the peak chord rotation for a loading step (which involves two cycles). Each of these figures contain data from all gauges of one type (D, P, S, H, or T) in a single specimen. For example, Figure 447 shows strain maxima measured with D strain gauges in D80-1.5 at discrete points corresponding to the peak chord rotation of each loading step. The text labels in Figures 447 through 488 identify which strain gauge corresponds to each curve shown. The text labels were vertically translated to avoid overlap. The ends of each curve have an "x" indicating the chord rotation at which the gauge became inoperable and an open circle identifies the overall maximum strain recorded for the reported gauge type. Figures 447 through 488 also include a heavier black line to represent the overall strain envelope for that gauge type in that specimen. To facilitate comparisons among specimens, the overall envelopes are grouped in Figures 489 through 503 based on reinforcement layout (D- or P-type) and aspect ratio (1.5, 2.5,

or 3.5). For example, Figure 489 shows the envelopes of strains measured with D strain gauges in D-type beams with an aspect ratio of 1.5.

In the following sections, strain gauge data are occasionally used as a basis for stating that the reinforcement yielded at a certain point during the test. For the purpose of this discussion, strains in excess of 0.3, 0.4, and 0.5% (3, 4, and 5 millistrains) are taken to be indicative of yielding for Grade 80, 100, and 120 (550, 690, and 830) reinforcement, respectively. More precise statements regarding the initiation of yielding are not made for several reasons: 1) effects of concrete shrinkage on bar strains at the start of the test are neglected, 2) strain gauges measure bar strains at discrete locations that may not coincide with the location of maximum strain, and 3) stress-strain curves for high-strength reinforcement do not generally show a well-defined yield plateau.

A change in slope in the strain versus chord rotation curves is apparent for beams with Grade 80 (550) reinforcement, which shows a well-defined yield plateau in Figure 24. A sharp change in slope is evident in Figures 212 and 214 for gauges D12 and D14 in D80-2.5. However, a more gradual change in slope occurred in Figures 268 and 269 for gauges D5 and D6 in D120-2.5 with Grade 120 (830) reinforcement, which lacked a well-defined yield plateau in Figure 24.

Continuous strain gauge data are not shown for D120-3.5 in Figures 372 through 402 after the second 2% cycle (end of Step 7 in Table 8) due to a recording error that occurred with the position tracking data acquisition system. The plots of strain gauge data versus chord rotation shown in Figures 372 through 402 show the strain for each gauge with the corresponding chord rotation recorded by a backup system based on optical character recognition (OCR) activated each time the test was paused. The strain data synchronized with the recordings of the OCR system are shown with dashed lines and bounded by open circles.

3.7.1 Diagonal Reinforcement

The strain envelopes in Figures 489, 493, and 497 show the maximum strains measured on the diagonal reinforcement with D gauges in the D-type specimens. The location of the gauges are shown in Figure 33. No consistent patterns are discernible between the maximum strain measured with the D strain gauges and either reinforcement grade or aspect ratio. However, for chord rotations lower than 3%, specimens with Grade 120 (830) reinforcement tended to have lower strains than other specimens, particularly for D120-2.5, which had the secondary longitudinal reinforcement, No. 3 (10) bars developed into the end blocks.

Strain values consistent with yielding were observed in D gauges at both beam-end interfaces. Beams with primary reinforcement of higher grade and higher aspect ratio (l_n/h) experienced yielding at higher chord rotations. Maximum strain values were consistently measured in D gauges located at the beam-end interfaces (D5, D6, D13, and D14, see Figure 33).

Figures 489, 493, and 497 show that the highest strain in diagonal bars exceeded 5% (50 millistrains) in most specimens, and occasionally exceeded 7%. The highest strains generally occurred at chord rotations between 3 and 6%, with the higher chord rotations typically defined by beams with an aspect ratio of 3.5. In loading cycles where beam strength was decreasing, the reported maximum strain in diagonal bars appears to decrease. This is because gauges became inoperable where damage was most severe (and strains were highest). The envelopes (Figures 489, 493, and 497) were therefore based on working gauges where strains were relatively low at high chord rotations.

Figure 504 shows the maximum strain in the diagonal bars of D-type beams during any of the cycles of loading steps 5 through 9 (nominal chord rotations of 1 through 4%, see Table 8). For the limited test data, an upper bound estimate of maximum strain for D-type beams with aspect ratios of 1.5, 2.5, or 3.5 may be defined by 2CR, which gives 8% strain for CR = 4%.

3.7.2 Parallel Primary Reinforcement

The envelopes of strains measured with P gauges on the primary reinforcement (parallel to the beam longitudinal axis) in P-type specimens, are shown in Figure 501. The overall maximum measured strains were approximately 5% (50 millistrains) for P80-2.5 and 3% for P100-2.5, both considerably higher than the strain associated with yielding. The strains in P80-2.5 were similar in magnitude to the strains measured with D gauges in D-type specimens whereas the maximum strains in P100-2.5 were lower. This may be due to the absence of a yield plateau in the Grade 100 (690) reinforcement of P100-2.5.

The maximum strain measured with P gauges at the beam-end interfaces (P5, P6, P11, and P12, see Figure 34) exceeded 1%, see Figures 483 and 486. Strain gauge P6 in P80-2.5 (Figure 483) recorded the maximum strains throughout the chord rotation history, but gauge P6 malfunctioned in P100-2.5 and P5 became inoperable early in the test (Figure 486). The highest measured strains generally occurred at chord rotations higher than those corresponding to the maximum shear (see open circles at CR_{100} in Figure 501).

Figure 505 shows the maximum strain in the primary longitudinal reinforcement of P-type beams during any of the cycles of loading steps 5 through 9 (nominal chord rotations of 1 through 4%, see Table 8). Based on the limited test data, an upper bound estimate of maximum strain for

P-type beams with an aspect ratio of 2.5 may be defined by 1.5*CR*, which gives 4.5% strain for CR = 3%.

3.7.3 Parallel Secondary Reinforcement

Figure 33 shows the location of the H strain gauges on the secondary longitudinal reinforcement (parallel to the beam longitudinal axis) in D-type specimens. The strain envelopes for these gauges are shown in Figures 491, 495, and 499. All of the parallel secondary reinforcement in D-type specimens was Grade 80 (550), and only extended 2 in. (51 mm) into the end blocks, except for the secondary reinforcement in D120-2.5, which was Grade 120 (830) and extended nominally 17 in. (430 mm) into the end blocks.

The maximum strains measured with H gauges in D-type beams were highly variable, with maximum values recorded in gauges located approximately at one-third of the beam span (except for D120-2.5). Beams with an aspect ratio of 1.5 were the only ones with strain maxima (for H gauges) generally below yielding, strain well in excess of yielding was recorded in all other D-type beams.

Strain gauges at the beam-end interfaces of D120-2.5 recorded maximum values near 1.3% (13 millistrains, refer to gauges H1 and H2 in Figure 469), clearly indicating yielding of the reinforcement. High strain demands were expected in the H gauges of D120-2.5 due to the 17-in. (430-mm) embedment of the reinforcement into the end blocks.

3.7.4 Transverse Reinforcement

The strain envelopes for S gauges on the closed stirrups are shown in Figures 490, 494, 498, and 502 and those for T gauges on crossties are shown in Figures 492, 496, 500, and 503. The

locations of S and T gauges are shown in Figures 33 and 34. Grade 80 (550) transverse reinforcement was used in all beams except D120-2.5, which had Grade 120 (830) transverse reinforcement.

The maximum strains recorded by S gauges, for chord rotations lower than 6%, did not exceed 0.3% (3 millistrains) in any of the beams, except D120-2.5. The recorded strain from the closed stirrups in D120-2.5 was higher than D80-2.5 and D100-2.5, which indicates that the developed secondary longitudinal reinforcement had an effect on distributing damage into the beam span, with increased expansion of the concrete core and higher strains in the closed stirrups. However, strains higher than 0.5% were not recorded, indicating that the Grade 120 closed stirrups may not have yielded. Maximum recorded strain exceeded 0.3% in several of the S gauges in D120-2.5. Therefore, providing higher ρf_{yt} than required by ACI 318-14^[1] seemed to be effective and avoided yielding of the transverse reinforcement.

Crossties along both transverse directions were instrumented (T gauges) in D-type beams. The strain versus chord rotation envelopes (Figures 492, 496, 500, and 503) were nearly symmetrical for both loading directions. Maximum strains were generally below 0.3% in the Grade 80 (550) transverse reinforcement except for the single instrumented crosstie (T1) in P80-2.5, which approached 0.4%. No correlation with the grade of the primary longitudinal reinforcement or aspect ratio (l_n/h) was observed.

CHAPTER 4: CONCLUDING REMARKS

Experimental data are reported for eleven large-scale reinforced concrete coupling beams subjected to reversed cyclic displacements. This research was conducted to investigate the use of high-strength reinforcement in diagonally-reinforced (D-type) and moment frame (P-type) coupling beams. Variables included nominal yield stress of the primary longitudinal reinforcement (80, 100, and 120 ksi [550, 690, and 830 MPa]), span-to-depth (aspect) ratio (1.5, 2.5, and 3.5), and layout of primary longitudinal reinforcement (diagonal [D] and parallel [P]). All beams had the same nominal concrete compressive strength (8,000 psi [55 MPa]) and cross-sectional dimensions (12 by 18 in. [300 by 460 mm]). The D-type beams were designed for a target shear strength of $8\sqrt{f_c'} b_w h$ psi ($0.67\sqrt{f_c'} b_w h$ MPa) and the P-type beams for $6\sqrt{f_c'} b_w d$ psi ($0.5\sqrt{f_c'} b_w d$ MPa). All transverse reinforcement (D120-2.5). A summary of the test data is listed in Table 15. The main findings and observations from this study are summarized as follows:

- 1. Chord rotation capacities of D-type beams with Grade 100 or Grade 120 (690 or 830) diagonal reinforcement were similar, with average deformation capacities of approximately 5, 6, and 7% for beams with aspect ratios of 1.5, 2.5, and 3.5, respectively. Deformation capacity was based on the average chord rotation (for positive and negative loading directions) corresponding to 20% loss of strength. These deformation capacities exceeded the minimum chord rotation capacities in ASCE 41-17^[4] for diagonally-reinforced coupling beams with shear stresses greater than or equal to $6\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi (0.5 $\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa).
- D-type beams with Grade 80 (550) diagonal reinforcement exhibited approximately 25% higher chord rotation capacities, on average, than their Grade 100 or Grade 120 (690 or 830)

counterparts. The increased rotation capacity of the beams with Grade 80 (550) diagonal bars may be attributed to their lower ratio of f_y to s/d_b , where f_y is the yield stress of the diagonal bar, d_b is the diameter of the diagonal bar, and s is the spacing of the hoops, which delayed buckling of the Grade 80 (550) diagonal bars during testing.

- 3. Chord rotation capacities of P-type beams with Grade 80 or Grade 100 (550 or 690) longitudinal reinforcement were similar, with an average chord rotation capacity of approximately 4% for beams with an aspect ratio of 2.5.
- 4. Measured strength of D-type beams, on average, was nearly 50% higher than the calculated nominal shear strength (V_{nm} for a diagonally-reinforced coupling beam based on f_{ym}). Therefore, the expected strength of diagonally-reinforced coupling beams is generally underestimated when strength is based on only the contribution of the diagonal reinforcement.
- 5. Measured strength of P-type beams, on average, was approximately 15% higher than the calculated nominal flexural strength (M_{nm} for a moment frame beam based on f_{cm} and f_{ym}). Therefore, the probable flexural strength (based on $1.25f_y$) is generally conservative for determining the required shear reinforcement for these beams.
- 6. For the coupling beams of this study, the initial stiffness associated with the secant to 75% of the maximum shear (on the ascending branch of the shear-chord rotation envelope) was consistently lower than the recommended value in ASCE 41-17^[4]. The effective moment of inertia (I_{eff}) corresponding to the initial stiffness varied between $0.04I_g$ to $0.17I_g$, with the lower coefficient for beams with aspect ratios of 1.5 and higher for beams with aspect ratios of 3.5. These values of I_{eff} account for the effects of shear deformations and bar slip (or strain penetration into supports). For beams designed to a target strength (with constant ρf_y), the initial stiffness was inversely proportional to the reinforcement grade.

- 7. The chord rotation capacities of D-type beams with Grade 120 (830) diagonal reinforcement were nearly identical to those with Grade 100 (690) reinforcement, except for D120-2.5, which reached 6.9% compared with 6.0% for D100-2.5. The improved deformation capacity of D120-2.5 was attributed to the combined effects of 1) extending the non-diagonal longitudinal reinforcement into the end blocks to develop $1.25f_y$, which reduced localized damage at the beam-wall interface and 2) using higher grade of transverse reinforcement, Grade 120 (830) instead of 80 (550) with the same area and spacing as in the other D-type beams. Beam D120-2.5 reached a strength of $15\sqrt{f_{cm}}b_wh$ psi $(1.25\sqrt{f_{cm}}b_wh$ MPa) approximately 75% higher than the usable strength (ϕV_n) permitted in ACI 318-14^[1].
- 8. Strain gauge measurements in diagonal bars of nine D-type beams showed that maximum strains ranged between 3 and 8% at a chord rotation of 4%, with lower maxima occurring in D120-2.5, which had the secondary longitudinal reinforcement extended beyond the beam-wall interface to develop $1.25f_y$. Strain gauge data from the two P-type beams showed that maximum strains in the primary longitudinal bars reached 4.5% at a chord rotation of 3%.

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TABLES

Coupling Beam ^b				Primary Longitudinal Reinforcement					Transverse Reinforcement					
Id.	v _e	$\frac{\ell_n}{h}$	ℓ_n	f_y	п	d_b	$\ell_e^{\ c}$	A_{vd}	α	A_s	Weak Axis ^d	Strong Axis ^e	f_{yt}	S
	$\sqrt{f_c'}$, ps	i	in.	ksi		in.	in.	in. ²	degrees	in. ²	in. ²	in. ²	ksi	in.
D80-1.5	8.4	1.5	27	80	6	0.75	21	2.64	22.7	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
D100-1.5	8.8	1.5	27	100	5	0.75	27	2.20	22.7	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
D120-1.5	8.4	1.5	27	120	4	0.75	34	1.76	22.7	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
D80-2.5	8.0	2.5	45	80	9	0.75	21	3.96	14.2	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
D100-2.5	7.8	2.5	45	100	7	0.75	27	3.08	14.2	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
D120-2.5	8.0	2.5	45	120	6	0.75	34	2.64	14.2	-	0.44	0.33	120	3
D80-3.5	7.8	3.5	63	80	9	0.875	24	5.40	10.0	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
D100-3.5	7.3	3.5	63	100	9	0.75	27	3.96	10.3	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
D120-3.5	7.8	3.5	63	120	8	0.75	34	3.52	10.3	-	0.44	0.33	80	3
P80-2.5	5.2	2.5	45	80	3	0.75	21	-	-	1.32	0.22	0.33	80	3.5
P100-2.5	6.4	2.5	45	100	3	0.75	27	-	-	1.32	0.22	0.33	80	3

Table 1 – Design data for coupling beam specimens^a (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)

^a For notation and definitions, see APPENDIX A: NOTATION.

^b All specimens have $f'_c = 8,000$ psi, h = 18 in., $b_w = 12$ in., and $c_c = 0.75$ in. to No. 3 (10) transverse reinforcement. Specimen Id. starts with D for cases with diagonal reinforcement and P for cases with parallel reinforcement, see Figure 1.

^c Minimum straight embedment length based on ACI 408R-03 Eq. 4.11.a^[2] using $\phi = \omega = \alpha = \beta = \lambda = 1$, (*c* $\omega + K_{tr})/d_b = 4$, 1.25 f_y psi, and $f'_c = 8,000$ psi. Grade 80 (550) No. 3 (10) longitudinal reinforcing bars were terminated approximately 2 in. into the top and bottom blocks consistent with the detailing recommendations in the ACI Building Code^[1] commentary, except for Grade 120 (830) No. 3 (10) longitudinal reinforcing bars in D120-2.5 with a minimum straight embedment length of 17 in. into the top and bottom blocks.

^d Transverse reinforcement along the 12-in. width of the coupling beam; 4 legs of No. 3 (10) bars at spacing *s* for D-type beams and 2 legs of No. 3 (10) bars for P-type beams.

^e Transverse reinforcement along the 18-in. depth of the coupling beam; 3 legs of No. 3 (10) bars at spacing s.

Coupling Beam Identification	Cast Date	Test Date	Age (days)	f_{cm}^{b} (psi)	f_{ct} ^c (psi)
D80-1.5	3 Nov 17	1 May 18	179	7,600	710
D100-1.5	3 Nov 17	9 Apr 18	157	8,200	720
D120-1.5	3 Nov 17	31 May 18	209	7,600	610
D80-2.5	16 Jun 17	3 Oct 17	109	8,400	620
D100-2.5	30 Jun 17	29 Nov 17	152	8,000	790
D120-2.5	18 Aug 17	6 Mar 18	200	7,800	760
D80-3.5	26 Jul 17	19 Jun 18	328	7,800	660
D100-3.5	26 Jul 17	6 Jul 18	345	7,900	650
D120-3.5	18 Aug 17	25 Jul 18	341	8,200	660
P80-2.5	16 Jun 17	10 Nov 17	147	8,300	790
P100-2.5	30 Jun 17	12 Dec 17	165	7,500	790

Table 2 – Measured compressive and tensile strengths of concrete^a (1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)

^a For notation and definitions, see APPENDIX A: NOTATION.
^b Tested in accordance with ASTM C39^[9], average of two tests of 6 by 12 in. (150 by 300 mm) cylinders.

^c Tested in accordance with ASTM C496^[11], average of two tests of 6 by 12 in. (150 by 300 mm) cylinders.

		Date of Casting							
Constituent Materials	Unit	16 Jun 17	30 Jun 17	26 Jul 17	18 Aug 17	3 Nov 17			
		Coupling Beam Identification							
		D80-2.5, P80-2.5	D100-2.5, P100-2.5	D80-3.5, D100-3.5	D120-2.5, D120-3.5	D80-1.5, D100-1.5, D120-1.5			
Water	gal/yd ³	36	36	36	36	36			
Cementitious Material (CM)									
Cement	lb/yd ³	647	647	645	668	662			
Fly Ash	lb/yd ³	149	158	148	157	149			
Fine Aggregate	lb/yd ³	1672	1659	1656	1658	1663			
Coarse Aggregate ^a	lb/yd ³	1180	1184	1182	1178	1177			
Admixtures ^b									
Set Retarder	oz/yd ³	32	32	32	32	32			
Rheology Modifier	oz/yd ³	48	48	48	48	48			
Water Reducer	oz/yd ³	56	56	56	56	56			
Water/CM		0.38	0.38	0.38	0.36	0.37			
Initial Slump ^c	in.	9.0	10.5	9.0	9.5	9.0			

Table 3 – Concrete mixture	proportions $(1 \text{ lb} = 4.45)$	N, 1 gal = $128 \text{ oz} = 3$	3.79 L, 1 in. = 25.4 mm	n, 1 yd ³ = 0.764 m ³)
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^a Maximum aggregate size of ¹/₂ in.

^b Concrete arrived at laboratory with tabulated amounts of admixtures. Supplemental water-reducing admixture was added in the laboratory to achieve a minimum 20-in. spread before casting.

^c Slump measured in accordance with ASTM C143^[10] when concrete arrived at laboratory.
Coupling Beam Identification	Bar Size	Nominal Bar Diameter	Yield	Stress ^b	Tensile Strength ^b	f_t / f_{ym}	Uniform Elongation ^c	Fracture Elongation ^d
	No.	d_b in.	f _{ym} ksi	f _{ytm} ksi	f_t ksi		ε _{su} %	$rac{arepsilon_{sf}}{\%}$
D80-1.5	3 (10)	0.375		89	113		9.7	12.9
D80-2.5 P80-2.5	6 (19)	0.75	83		110	1.32	9.2	13.3
D00.2.5	3 (10)	0.375		89	113		9.7	12.9
D80-3.5	7 (22)	0.875	84		114	1.36	10.0	16.4
D100-1.5 D100-2.5	3 (10)	0.375		89	113		9.7	12.9
D100-3.5 P100-2.5	6 (19)	0.75	108		125	1.16	6.8	9.8
D120-1.5	3 (10)	0.375		89	113		9.7	12.9
D120-3.5	6 (19)	0.75	116		163	1.41	5.2	9.9
D120.2.5	3 (10)	0.375	133	133	173	1.30	4.5	6.3
D120-2.5	6 (19)	0.75	116		163	1.41	5.2	9.9

Table 4 – Reinforcing steel properties ^a (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 6.89 MPa)

^a For notation and definitions, see APPENDIX A: NOTATION.

^b Tested in accordance with ASTM A370^[5].

^c Corresponds to strain at peak stress, in accordance with ASTM E8^[12], based on 8-in. (203-mm) gauge length.

^d Calculated strain corresponding to zero stress on a line with slope equal to modulus of elasticity and passing through the fracture point, based on 8-in. (203-mm) gauge length.

Table 5 – Specimen and actuator nominal elevations relative to strong floor (1 in. = 25.4 mm)

$rac{l_n}{h}$	Top of Bottom Block (in.)	Bottom of Top Block (in.)	Actuator A Centerline (in.)	Actuator B Centerline (in.)
1.5	39.5	66.5	21	87
2.5	36.5	81.5	45	87
3.5	36.5	99.5	51	130

		Coupling Beam Identification											
			D80-1.5	D100-1.5	D120-1.5	D80-2.5	D100-2.5	D120-2.5	D80-3.5	D100-3.5	D120-3.5	P80-2.5	P100-2.5
Primary Reinforcement	llel ^a Diagonal	D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6 D7 D8 D9 D10 D11 D12 D13 D14 P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6	X X X X X X X X X X X X X	X O X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	X O X X X X X X X X X X O X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	O X O X X X X X X X X X X X X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	X X X X X X X X X	X O X X X X O
	Paral	P7 P8 P9 P10 P11 P12										X X X X X X X	X O X X X X X
Secondary Reinforcement	Parallel ^b	H1 H2 H3 H4 H5 H6 H7 H8 H9 H10 H11 H12 H13 H14	X X X X X X X X X X X X X	0 0 X X X X X X 0 X X 0 X	O X X X O X O X X X X X X	X X X X X	X O O X X X X	X X X X O O	X 0 0 X X X 0 X	X X X O O X X X	X X X X X		

Table 6 – List of strain gauges on primary and secondary longitudinal reinforcement

"X" indicates strain gauge is present."O" indicates strain gauge is present but data not available due to instrument malfunction.

^a No. 6 (19) reinforcement placed parallel to the longitudinal axis of the P-type beams.

^b No. 3 (10) reinforcement placed parallel to the longitudinal axis of the D-type beams.

	Coupling Beam Identification												
			D80-1.5	D100-1.5	D120-1.5	D80-2.5	D100-2.5	D120-2.5	D80-3.5	D100-3.5	D120-3.5	P80-2.5	P100-2.5
		S1 S2 S3 S4 S5 S6	O X X X X X X	O X X X X X O	X X X X X X X	O X X X X X X	X X X X O X	O X X X X X X	O X X X X X X	O X X X X X X	O X X X X X X	X X O O X X X	X X X X X X X
Transverse Reinforcement	Closed Stirrups	S7 S8 S9 S10 S11 S12 S13 S14 S15 S16	X X X X	X X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X X X X X X X X X X	X X X	X X O	X X X	X X X	X X X
	Crossties	S17 S18 T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6	X X X X	X X X X X X	O O X X X X X	X X O	X X X	X O X X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X	X

Table 7 – List of strain gauges on transverse reinforcement

"X" indicates strain gauge is present. "O" indicates strain gauge is present but data not available due to instrument malfunction.

Step ^a	Chord Rotation ^b $\frac{\%}{\%}$	Loading Rate in./s ^c
1	0.20	0.01
2	0.30	0.01
3	0.50	0.01
4	0.75	0.01
5	1.00	0.02
6	1.50	0.02
7	2.00	0.02
8	3.00	0.03
9	4.00	0.03
10	6.00	0.04
11	8.00	0.04
12	10.00	0.04

Table 8 – Loading protocol (1 in. = 25.4 mm)

^a Two cycles of loading in each step, following recommendations in FEMA 461^[14], see Figure 35.

^b Based on the relative lateral displacement between end blocks divided by the beam clear span (excluding contributions due to sliding of the specimen and rotation of the end blocks).

^c Loading rate of coupling beams with aspect ratios of 1.5 and 2.5. Coupling beams with an aspect ratio of 3.5 were tested at twice these rates.

Coupling Beam Id.	Maximum Applied Shear V _{max} kips	Maximum Applied Shear Stress v_{max} $\sqrt{f_{cm}}$, psi	Deformation Capacity A ^b %	Deformation Capacity B ^c %
D80-1.5	254	13.5	6.1	6.9
D100-1.5	257	13.1	4.9	5.3
D120-1.5	264	14.0	4.6	5.2
D80-2.5	220	11.1	7.1	7.6
D100-2.5	220	11.4	5.3	6.0
D120-2.5	286	15.0	6.6	6.9
D80-3.5	219	11.5	8.3	8.6
D100-3.5	196	10.2	6.3	6.8
D120-3.5	216	11.0	6.5	6.7
P80-2.5	91	5.0	3.6	3.9
P100-2.5	110	6.4	3.6	4.1

Table 9 – Coupling beam maximum shear stress and deformation capacity^a (1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa, 1 kip = 4.45 kN)

^a For notation and definitions, see APPENDIX A: NOTATION.

^b The average of the highest chord rotations reached in each loading direction before strength diminished to less than 80% of the maximum applied shear.

^c The average of the chord rotations in each loading direction where the envelope curve formed by connecting the maximum chord rotation of the first cycle of each loading step intersects with 80% of the maximum applied shear.

		D80)-1.5			D10	0-1.5		D120-1.5			
Target Chord Rot.	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness
CR	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S
%	%	kips		kips / in.	%	kips		kips / in.	%	kips		kips / in.
-10												
-8	-8.23	-31.75	0.13	14					-8.56	-31.43	0.12	14
-6	-6.07	-226.30	0.95	138	-6.61	-151.45	0.59	85				
-4	-4.09	-235.70	0.99	213	-4.24	-216.96	0.84	190	-4.88	-237.76	0.91	180
-3	-3.01	-235.67	0.99	290	-3.08	-241.74	0.94	291	-3.20	-261.53	1.00	303
-2	-1.90	-229.89	0.96	448	-2.05	-246.26	0.96	445	-2.06	-254.64	0.97	458
-1.5	-1.54	-223.37	0.93	537	-1.74	-257.10	1.00	547	-1.60	-246.66	0.94	571
	-1.44	-228.92	0.96	589								
-1	-1.12	-238.91	1.00	790	-1.04	-238.81	0.93	850	-1.05	-209.23	0.80	738
75	-0.78	-221.76	0.93	1053	-0.78	-202.63	0.79	962	-0.77	-177.18	0.68	852
5	-0.51	-171.53	0.72	1246	-0.52	-168.44	0.66	1200	-0.52	-138.50	0.53	986
3	-0.31	-124.27	0.52	1485	-0.32	-123.83	0.48	1433	-0.31	-92.79	0.35	1109
2	-0.21	-96.21	0.40	1697	-0.22	-103.48	0.40	1742	-0.20	-68.89	0.26	1276
0	0.00	1.37	0.01	0	0.00	3.83	0.02	0	0.00	2.37	0.01	0
.2	0.20	80.68	0.32	1494	0.22	82.98	0.33	1397	0.21	71.26	0.27	1257
.3	0.30	103.95	0.41	1283	0.31	99.00	0.39	1183	0.31	91.17	0.35	1089
.5	0.50	150.30	0.59	1113	0.51	142.57	0.57	1035	0.52	120.71	0.46	860
.75	0.75	197.28	0.78	974	0.77	185.55	0.74	892	0.76	157.36	0.60	767
1	0.99	229.39	0.90	858	1.01	223.96	0.89	821	1.02	189.37	0.72	688
1.5	1.48	248.17	0.98	621	1.47	251.72	1.00	634	1.52	231.26	0.88	563
2	2.12	254.24	1.00	444	2.03	240.36	0.95	439	2.08	254.60	0.96	453
	2.69	252.05	0.99	347								
3	2.98	251.50	0.99	313	2.95	241.39	0.96	303	2.99	264.11	1.00	327
4	3.87	248.72	0.98	238	3.99	229.06	0.91	213	4.16	243.43	0.92	217
					5.60	218.95	0.87	145	5.44	192.14	0.73	131
6	6.11	246.22	0.97	149	6.04	185.41	0.74	114	6.09	141.53	0.54	86
8	8.22	170.00	0.67	77	8.30	20.79	0.08	9				
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$-0.75 V_{max}^{c}$	-0.55	-178.71	0.75	1207	-0.70	-192.11	0.75	1016	-0.93	-195.88	0.75	777
$+0.75 V_{max}^{c}$	0.71	189.86	0.75	990	0.79	188.08	0.75	887	1.11	197.22	0.75	656

Table 10 – Force-deformation envelope for D-type coupling beams with aspect ratio of 1.5 (1 kip = 4.45 kN, 1 in. = 25.4 mm)

 $\frac{1}{a}$ The actual chord rotation, CR, associated with the peak force for each loading step. CR is the measured displacement of the top block relative to the bottom block divided by the coupling beam clear span, ℓ_n , and correcting for relative rotation of the end blocks. ^b V_{max} is the maximum measured shear force in the respective loading direction.

^c The interpolated chord rotation at the intersection of 0.75 V_{max} (before V_{max}) and the shear-chord rotation envelope.

		D80	0-2.5			D10	0-2.5		D120-2.5			
Target Chord Rot.	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness
CR	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S
%	%	kips		kips / in.	%	kips		kips / in.	%	kips		kips / in.
-10	-10.01	-20.96	0.10	5								
-8	-7.91	-131.70	0.60	37	-7.99	-46.15	0.21	13	-8.35	-119.57	0.42	32
-6	-5.91	-216.84	0.99	82	-6.04	-127.65	0.58	47	-6.42	-243.63	0.86	84
-4	-3.85	-215.74	0.98	125	-4.67	-216.89	0.99	103	-4.30	-283.46	1.00	146
-3	-3.11	-220.13	1.00	157					-3.15	-272.27	0.96	192
-2	-2.03	-213.19	0.97	233	-2.48	-220.12	1.00	197	-2.04	-241.03	0.85	263
-1.5	-1.51	-201.65	0.92	297	-1.50	-207.61	0.94	308	-1.56	-217.28	0.77	310
-1	-0.99	-170.95	0.78	384	-0.98	-167.82	0.76	381	-1.00	-162.48	0.57	361
75	-0.70	-144.26	0.66	458	-0.75	-138.02	0.63	409	-0.74	-134.47	0.47	404
5	-0.47	-108.58	0.49	513	-0.50	-101.22	0.46	450	-0.53	-105.53	0.37	442
3	-0.28	-80.44	0.37	638	-0.29	-73.03	0.33	560	-0.31	-65.09	0.23	467
2	-0.23	-72.21	0.33	698	-0.19	-60.27	0.27	705	-0.20	-40.35	0.14	448
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.01	2.10	0.01	467
.2	0.23	63.45	0.29	613	0.20	58.02	0.27	645	0.20	40.13	0.14	446
.3	0.38	92.87	0.43	543	0.33	76.62	0.36	516	0.31	64.96	0.23	466
.5	0.48	106.54	0.49	493	0.54	102.19	0.48	421	0.61	116.76	0.41	425
.75	0.76	142.91	0.66	418	0.81	144.25	0.67	396	0.77	138.26	0.48	399
1	0.98	166.18	0.76	377	1.04	170.74	0.80	365	1.01	168.12	0.59	370
1.5	1.89	212.34	0.97	250	1.45	203.97	0.95	313	1.50	216.83	0.76	321
2	2.06	193.89	0.89	209	2.16	214.25	1.00	220	2.10	251.95	0.88	267
3	2.92	209.56	0.96	159	3.06	210.68	0.98	153	3.15	277.43	0.97	196
4	3.94	207.45	0.95	117	4.02	194.51	0.91	108	4.29	285.94	1.00	148
									5.80	271.60	0.95	104
6	6.00	217.95	1.00	81	6.01	191.05	0.89	71	6.68	251.57	0.88	84
8	8.17	180.68	0.83	49	8.12	124.04	0.58	34	9.11	94.56	0.33	23
10	0.17	100100	0.00	.,	0.12	12.110.1	0.00	0.	,	2 1100	0.000	20
$-0.75 V_{max}^{c}$	-0.92	-164.28	0.75	398	-0.96	-165.53	0.75	382	-1.50	-211.80	0.75	313
$+0.75 V_{max}^{c}$	0.96	163.85	0.75	380	0.95	160.55	0.75	375	1.47	213.96	0.75	323

Table 11 – Force-deformation envelope for D-type coupling beams with aspect ratio of 2.5 (1 kip = 4.45 kN, 1 in. = 25.4 mm)

^a The actual chord rotation, CR, associated with the peak force for each loading step. CR is the measured displacement of the top block relative to the bottom block divided by the coupling beam clear span, ℓ_n , and correcting for relative rotation of the end blocks. ^b V_{max} is the maximum measured shear force in the respective loading direction.

^c The interpolated chord rotation at the intersection of 0.75 V_{max} (before V_{max}) and the shear-chord rotation envelope.

		D8	0-3.5			D10	0-3.5		D120-3.5			
Target Chord Rot.	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness
CR	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S
%	%	kips		kips / in.	%	kips		kips / in.	%	kips		kips / in.
-10	-10.29	-53.91	0.25	8	-10.25	-38.06	0.20	6				
-8	-8.24	-182.26	0.84	35	-8.09	-102.84	0.54	20	-7.91	-93.00	0.43	19
-6	-6.04	-217.50	1.00	57	-6.35	-180.91	0.94	45	-6.38	-184.10	0.85	46
-4	-4.13	-209.83	0.96	81	-4.12	-186.92	0.97	72	-4.08	-215.70	1.00	84
-3	-3.09	-207.46	0.95	107	-3.10	-191.73	1.00	98	-3.01	-214.54	0.99	113
-2	-2.16	-204.24	0.94	150	-2.11	-189.19	0.99	142	-1.97	-191.87	0.89	155
-1.5	-1.56	-195.04	0.90	198	-1.58	-175.56	0.92	176	-1.58	-172.44	0.80	173
-1	-1.08	-164.62	0.76	242	-1.05	-134.79	0.70	204	-1.03	-129.45	0.60	199
75	-0.77	-125.98	0.58	260	-0.76	-106.16	0.55	222	-0.77	-105.13	0.49	217
5	-0.51	-95.35	0.44	297	-0.51	-77.91	0.41	242	-0.51	-78.48	0.36	244
3	-0.30	-66.42	0.31	351	-0.31	-55.74	0.29	285	-0.31	-55.70	0.26	285
2	-0.22	-46.14	0.21	333	-0.22	-45.86	0.24	331	-0.20	-40.57	0.19	322
0	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0	0.00	1.63	0.01	0	0.00	0.06	0.00	0
.2	0.22	49.87	0.23	360	0.26	52.65	0.27	321	0.23	43.16	0.20	298
.3	0.34	71.92	0.33	336	0.31	57.99	0.30	297	0.33	57.05	0.27	274
.5	0.51	95.47	0.44	297	0.53	86.95	0.44	260	0.53	79.80	0.38	239
.75	0.78	130.92	0.60	266	0.77	114.71	0.59	236	0.78	104.60	0.49	213
1	1.08	166.34	0.76	244	1.02	139.32	0.71	217	1.02	126.60	0.60	197
1.5	1.55	196.19	0.90	201	1.57	177.08	0.90	179	1.55	161.65	0.76	166
2	2.03	206.40	0.95	161	2.02	187.53	0.96	147	2.07	182.77	0.86	140
3	3.13	212.97	0.98	108	3.16	195.99	1.00	98	3.04	211.46	1.00	110
4	4.16	211.81	0.97	81	4.36	189.27	0.97	69	4.14	212.40	1.00	81
6	5.96	219.40	1.00	57	6.20	184.12	0.94	47	6.53	191.10	0.90	46
8	8.28	211.74	0.97	41	8.11	94.05	0.48	18	8 4 8	62.12	0.29	12
10	10.20	84.96	0.39	13	10.25	34.29	0.17	5				
$-0.75 V_{merr}^{c}$	-1.07	-163.13	0.75	242	-1.17	-144.06	0.75	195	-1.44	-161.69	0.75	178
$+0.75 V_{max}^{c}$	1.06	164.25	0.75	245	1.14	147.27	0.75	206	1.52	159.46	0.75	167

Table 12 – Force-deformation envelope for D-type coupling beams with aspect ratio of 3.5 (1 kip = 4.45 kN, 1 in. = 25.4 mm)

^a The actual chord rotation, CR, associated with the peak force for each loading step. CR is the measured displacement of the top block relative to the bottom block divided by the coupling beam clear span, ℓ_n , and correcting for relative rotation of the end blocks. ^b V_{max} is the maximum measured shear force in the respective loading direction.

^c The interpolated chord rotation at the intersection of 0.75 V_{max} (before V_{max}) and the shear-chord rotation envelope.

		P80)-2.5		P100-2.5					
Target Chord Rot.	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness	Actual Chord Rot.	Shear		Secant Stiffness		
CR	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S	CR^{a}	V	V/V_{max}^{b}	K_S		
%	%	kips		kips / in.	%	kips		kips / in.		
-10										
-8				_						
-6	-6.03	-16.81	0.19	6	-6.53	-29.39	0.27	10		
-4	-4.06	-39.15	0.44	21	-4.02	-96.44	0.89	53		
-3	-3.04	-77.09	0.86	56	-3.23	-106.60	0.98	73		
-2	-1.98	-89.56	1.00	101	-2.05	-108.48	1.00	118		
-1.5	-1.50	-87.17	0.97	129	-1.46	-104.53	0.96	159		
-1	-1.01	-82.07	0.92	181	-0.99	-95.65	0.88	215		
75	-0.84	-80.11	0.89	212	-0.73	-82.75	0.76	252		
5	-0.47	-66.10	0.74	313	-0.50	-67.15	0.62	298		
3	-0.35	-58.97	0.66	374	-0.29	-50.74	0.47	389		
2	-0.19	-42.31	0.47	495	-0.23	-44.38	0.41	429		
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0		
.2	0.18	42.34	0.47	523	0.23	41.34	0.38	399		
.3	0.31	52.68	0.58	378	0.35	51.10	0.47	324		
.5	0.55	73.64	0.81	298	0.58	63.98	0.58	245		
.75	0.82	84.79	0.94	230	0.77	83.49	0.76	241		
1	1.00	84.80	0.94	188	1.09	98.78	0.90	201		
1.5	1.58	88.92	0.98	125	1.76	109.85	1.00	139		
2	1.93	88.61	0.98	102	2.11	107.52	0.98	113		
3	2.86	90.58	1.00	70	3.18	106.76	0.97	75		
4	4.09	80.15	0.88	44	4.10	76.02	0.69	41		
6	7.09	30.53	0.34	10	6.15	48.95	0.45	18		
8										
10										
$-0.75 V_{max}^{c}$	-0.50	-67.17	0.75	299	-0.71	-81.64	0.75	255		
$+0.75 V_{max}^{c}$	0.48	67.94	0.75	311	0.76	82.41	0.75	241		

Table 13 – Force-deformation envelope for P-type coupling beams with aspect ratio of 2.5 (1 kip = 4.45 kN, 1 in. = 25.4 mm)

^a The actual chord rotation, CR, associated with the peak force for each loading step. CR is the measured displacement of the top block relative to the bottom block divided by the coupling beam clear span, ℓ_n , and correcting for relative rotation of the end blocks. ^b V_{max} is the maximum measured shear force in the respective loading direction. ^c The interpolated chord rotation at the intersection of 0.75 V_{max} (before V_{max}) and the shear-chord rotation

envelope.

Coupling Beam Id.	Me	asured			Measured-to- Calculated Ratio ^b	
	V _{max}	v_{max}	V_{nm}	$2M_{nm}/l_n$	v_{nm}	
	kips	$\sqrt{f_{cm}}$, psi	kips	kips	$\sqrt{f_{cm}}$, psi	
D80-1.5	254	13.5	169	-	9.0	1.50
D100-1.5	257	13.1	183	-	9.4	1.40
D120-1.5	264	14.0	158	-	8.4	1.68
D80-2.5	220	11.1	161	-	8.1	1.36
D100-2.5	220	11.4	163	-	8.4	1.35
D120-2.5	286	15.0	150	-	7.9	1.90
D80-3.5	219	11.5	158	-	8.3	1.39
D100-3.5	196	10.2	153	-	8.0	1.28
D120-3.5	216	11.0	146	-	7.5	1.48
P80-2.5	91	5.0	-	77	4.3	1.18
P100-2.5	110	6.4	-	99	5.8	1.11

Table 14 – Coupling beam measured and calculated strengths^a (1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa, 1 kip = 4.45 kN)

^a For notation and definitions, see APPENDIX A: NOTATION.
^b The average of measured-to-calculated ratios is 1.43 for D-type beams (excluding D120-2.5) and 1.15 for P-type beams.

Coupling Beam Id.	Reinforcement Type	$\frac{\ell_n}{h}$	f _{cm}	f _{ym}	f_{ytm}	v _{max} ^b	v _{nm} ^c	Measured Chord Rotation Capacity ^d	ASCE 41-17 Chord Rotation Capacity ^e
			psi	ksi	ksi	$\sqrt{f_{cm}}$, psi	$\sqrt{f_{cm}}$, psi	%	%
D80-1.5	Diagonal	1.5	7,600	83	89	13.5	9.0	6.9	5.0
D100-1.5	Diagonal	1.5	8,200	108	89	13.1	9.4	5.3	5.0
D120-1.5	Diagonal	1.5	7,600	116	89	14.0	8.4	5.2	5.0
D80-2.5	Diagonal	2.5	8,400	83	89	11.1	8.1	7.6	5.0
D100-2.5	Diagonal	2.5	8,000	108	89	11.4	8.4	6.0	5.0
D120-2.5	Diagonal	2.5	7,800	116	133	15.0	7.9	6.9	5.0
D80-3.5	Diagonal	3.5	7,800	84	89	11.5	8.3	8.6	5.0
D100-3.5	Diagonal	3.5	7,900	108	89	10.2	8.0	6.8	5.0
D120-3.5	Diagonal	3.5	8,200	116	89	11.0	7.5	6.7	5.0
P80-2.5	Parallel	2.5	8,300	83	89	5.0	4.3	3.9	4.0^{f}
P100-2.5	Parallel	2.5	7,500	108	89	6.4	5.8	4.1	4.0 ^f

Table 15 – Summary of test data^a (1 ksi = 1000 psi = 6.89 MPa)

^a For notation and definitions, see APPENDIX A: NOTATION.

^b Shear stress associated with maximum applied shear V_{max} .

For D-type beams, $v_{max} = V_{max}/(b_w h)$.

For P-type beams, $v_{max} = V_{max}/(b_w d)$.

^c For D-type beams, $v_{nm} = (2A_{vd} f_{ym} \sin \alpha)/(b_w h)$. For P-type beams, $v_{nm} = (2M_{nm}/\ell_n)/(b_w d)$.

^d The average of the chord rotations in each loading direction where the envelope curve formed by connecting the maximum chord rotation of the first cycle of each loading step intersects with 80% of the maximum applied shear.

^e Chord rotation capacity from ASCE 41-17^[4] Table 10-19 corresponding to the maximum chord rotation associated with the residual strength defined by segment D-E in ASCE 41-17^[4] Figure 10-1(b). It is important to note that the measured chord rotation capacity (see footnote d) corresponds to a higher residual strength than those used in ASCE 41-17^[4], where the residual strength is defined as 80% of the strength at point B in Figure 10-1(b)^[4].

^f The reported ASCE 41-17^[4] chord rotation capacity is taken from Table 10-19^[4] and corresponds to a residual strength of 50% of the strength at point B in Figure 10-1(b)^[4]. In contrast, the measured chord rotation capacity (see footnote d) corresponds to the chord rotation associated with a post-peak strength of 80% of the maximum applied shear.

FIGURES



(a) P-type beam (b) D-type beam

Figure 1 – Reinforcement layout types, parallel (P) and diagonal (D)



Figure 2 – Elevation view of D80-1.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 3 – Reinforcement details of D80-1.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 4 – Elevation view of D100-1.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 5 – Reinforcement details of D100-1.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)





Figure 6 – Elevation view of D120-1.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 7 – Reinforcement details of D120-1.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 8 – Elevation view of D80-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 9 – Reinforcement details of D80-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 10 – Elevation view of D100-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 11 – Reinforcement details of D100-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 12 – Elevation view of D120-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 13 – Reinforcement details of D120-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 14 - Elevation view of D80-3.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 15 – Reinforcement details of D80-3.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 16 - Elevation view of D100-3.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 17 – Reinforcement details of D100-3.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 18 – Elevation view of D120-3.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 19 – Reinforcement details of D120-3.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)





Figure 20 – Elevation view of P80-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 21 – Reinforcement details of P80-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 22 – Elevation view of P100-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 23 – Reinforcement details of P100-2.5 (1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 ksi = 1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)



Figure 24 - Measured stress versus strain for reinforcement


Figure 25 – Test setup, view from northeast



Figure 26 – Test setup, view from northwest



Figure 27 – Test setup, plan view



Figure 28 - Test setup for coupling beams with aspect ratio of 1.5^{a}



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Figure 29 – Test setup for coupling beams with aspect ratio of 2.5^a

^a External bracing omitted for clarity. Actuator and coupling beam elevations in Table 5.



Figure 30 – Test setup for coupling beams with aspect ratio of 3.5^{a}

^a External bracing omitted for clarity. Actuator and coupling beam elevations in Table 5.



Figure 31 – LVDT locations (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 32 – Infrared marker positions (1 in. = 25.4 mm)



Figure 33 – Strain gauge layout (view from north), D-type specimens



Figure 34 – Strain gauge layout (view from north), P-type specimens



Figure 36 – General deformed shape of specimen, view from north^b

^a Values listed in Table 8.

^b Positive displacement corresponds to actuator extension toward laboratory east.















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Figure 59 – Chord rotation capacity versus primary reinforcement grade for D-type coupling beams (1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa)







Figure 61 – Shear versus chord rotation envelopes for D80-2.5, D100-2.5, and D120-2.5 (1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa, 1 kip = 4.45 kN)









Figure 64 – Normalized shear versus chord rotation envelopes for P80-2.5 and P100-2.5 (1,000 psi = 6.89 MPa, 1 kip = 4.45 kN)



Figure 65 – Generalized force-deformation relationship for diagonally-reinforced concrete coupling beams (taken from ASCE 41-17 Figure 10-1(b)^[4])





Figure 66 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, D80-1.5

West Side



Section at Bottom Section at Top NOTES: Crossties and hooks not shown. Gray circle for bar necking and black circle for bar fracture. Figure 67 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, D100-1.5







Section at Bottom Section at Top NOTES: Crossties and hooks not shown. Gray circle for bar necking and black circle for bar fracture.

Figure 69 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, D80-2.5



NOTES: Crossties and hooks not shown. Gray circle for bar necking and black circle for bar fracture.









Figure 71 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, D120-2.5













Figure 73 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, D100-3.5



Figure 74 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, D120-3.5



Figure 75 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, P80-2.5

West Side



Section at Bottom Section at Top NOTES: Crossties and hooks not shown, Neither bar necking nor fracture were observed,

Figure 76 – Reinforcing bar fracture locations, P100-2.5



Figure 77 – Shear versus chord rotation envelopes for D80-1.5, D100-1.5, and D120-1.5



Figure 78 – Shear versus chord rotation envelopes for D80-2.5, D100-2.5, and D120-2.5



Figure 79 – Shear versus chord rotation envelopes for D80-3.5, D100-3.5, and D120-3.5



Figure 80 – Shear versus chord rotation envelopes for P80-2.5 and P100-2.5





Figure 83 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 84 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 85 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 86 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D4


Figure 87 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 88 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 89 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 90 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 91 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 92 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 93 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 94 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 95 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 96 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 97 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 98 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 99 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 100 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 101 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 102 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 103 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 104 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 105 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-1.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 106 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 107 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 108 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 109 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 110 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 111 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H6



Figure 112 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H9



Figure 113 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H11



Figure 114 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H12



Figure 115 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H13



Figure 116 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-1.5, strain gauge H14



Figure 117 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-1.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 118 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-1.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 119 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-1.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 120 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-1.5, strain gauge T4



Figure 121 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 122 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 123 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 124 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 125 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 126 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 127 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 128 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 129 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 130 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 131 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 132 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 133 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 134 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 135 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 136 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 137 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 138 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 139 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 140 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 141 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 142 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 143 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-1.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 144 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 145 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 146 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 147 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 148 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 149 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H6



Figure 150 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H7



Figure 151 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H8



Figure 152 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H9



Figure 153 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H10



Figure 154 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H11



Figure 155 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-1.5, strain gauge H12


Figure 156 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-1.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 157 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-1.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 158 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-1.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 159 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-1.5, strain gauge T4



Figure 160 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-1.5, strain gauge T5



Figure 161 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 162 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 163 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 164 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 165 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 166 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 167 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 168 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 169 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 170 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 171 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 172 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 173 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 174 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 175 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 176 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 177 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 178 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 179 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 180 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 181 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 182 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 183 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-1.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 184 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 185 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 186 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 187 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 188 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 189 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H6



Figure 190 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H7



Figure 191 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H8



Figure 192 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H9



Figure 193 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H10



Figure 194 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-1.5, strain gauge H11



Figure 195 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-1.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 196 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-1.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 197 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-1.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 198 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-1.5, strain gauge T4



Figure 199 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-1.5, strain gauge T5



Figure 200 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-1.5, strain gauge T6



Figure 201 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 202 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 203 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 204 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 205 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 206 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 207 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 208 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 209 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 210 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 211 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 212 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 213 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 214 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 215 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 216 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 217 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 218 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 219 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 220 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 221 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 222 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 223 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-2.5, strain gauge S9


Figure 224 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 225 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 226 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 227 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 228 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-2.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 229 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-2.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 230 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-2.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 231 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-2.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 232 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 233 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 234 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 235 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 236 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 237 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 238 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 239 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 240 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 241 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 242 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 243 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 244 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 245 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 246 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 247 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 248 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 249 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 250 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 251 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 252 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 253 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 254 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-2.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 255 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 256 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 257 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 258 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 259 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 260 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-2.5, strain gauge H6



Figure 261 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-2.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 262 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-2.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 263 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-2.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 264 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 265 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 266 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 267 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 268 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 269 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 270 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 271 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 272 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 273 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 274 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 275 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 276 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 277 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 278 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 279 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 280 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 281 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 282 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 283 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 284 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 285 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 286 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 287 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S10



Figure 288 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S11



Figure 289 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S12



Figure 290 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S13



Figure 291 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S14


Figure 292 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S15



Figure 293 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S16



Figure 294 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S17



Figure 295 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-2.5, strain gauge S18



Figure 296 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 297 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 298 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 299 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 300 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 301 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-2.5, strain gauge H6



Figure 302 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-2.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 303 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-2.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 304 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-2.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 305 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 306 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 307 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 308 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 309 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 310 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 311 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 312 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 313 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 314 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 315 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 316 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 317 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 318 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 319 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 320 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 321 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 322 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 323 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 324 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 325 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 326 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 327 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D80-3.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 328 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 329 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 330 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 331 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 332 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 333 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H6



Figure 334 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H7



Figure 335 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D80-3.5, strain gauge H8



Figure 336 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-3.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 337 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-3.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 338 – Measured strain in crosstie of D80-3.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 339 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 340 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 341 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 342 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 343 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 344 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 345 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 346 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 347 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 348 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 349 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 350 - Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 351 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 352 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 353 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 354 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 355 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 356 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 357 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 358 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 359 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 360 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S8


Figure 361 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D100-3.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 362 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 363 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 364 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 365 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 366 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 367 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge H6



Figure 368 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D100-3.5, strain gauge H7



Figure 369 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-3.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 370 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-3.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 371 – Measured strain in crosstie of D100-3.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 372 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D1



Figure 373 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D2



Figure 374 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D3



Figure 375 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D4



Figure 376 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D5



Figure 377 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D6



Figure 378 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D7



Figure 379 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D8



Figure 380 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D9



Figure 381 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D10



Figure 382 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D11



Figure 383 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D12



Figure 384 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D13



Figure 385 – Measured strain in diagonal bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge D14



Figure 386 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 387 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 388 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 389 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 390 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 391 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 392 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 393 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 394 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of D120-3.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 395 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge H1



Figure 396 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge H2



Figure 397 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge H3



Figure 398 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge H4



Figure 399 – Measured strain in parallel bar of D120-3.5, strain gauge H5



Figure 400 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-3.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 401 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-3.5, strain gauge T2



Figure 402 – Measured strain in crosstie of D120-3.5, strain gauge T3



Figure 403 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P1



Figure 404 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P2



Figure 405 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P3



Figure 406 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P4



Figure 407 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P5



Figure 408 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P6



Figure 409 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P7



Figure 410 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P8



Figure 411 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P9



Figure 412 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P10



Figure 413 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P11



Figure 414 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P80-2.5, strain gauge P12



Figure 415 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 416 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 417 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 418 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 419 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 420 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 421 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 422 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 423 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P80-2.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 424 – Measured strain in crosstie of P80-2.5, strain gauge T1


Figure 425 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P1



Figure 426 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P2



Figure 427 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P3



Figure 428 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P4



Figure 429 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P5



Figure 430 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P6



Figure 431 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P7



Figure 432 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P8



Figure 433 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P9



Figure 434 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P10



Figure 435 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P11



Figure 436 – Measured strain in parallel bar of P100-2.5, strain gauge P12



Figure 437 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S1



Figure 438 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S2



Figure 439 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S3



Figure 440 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S4



Figure 441 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S5



Figure 442 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S6



Figure 443 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S7



Figure 444 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S8



Figure 445 – Measured strain in closed stirrup of P100-2.5, strain gauge S9



Figure 446 – Measured strain in crosstie of P100-2.5, strain gauge T1



Figure 447 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D80-1.5, D strain gauges



Figure 448 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D80-1.5, S strain gauges



Figure 449 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D80-1.5, H strain gauges



Figure 450 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D80-1.5, T strain gauges



Figure 451 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D100-1.5, D strain gauges



Figure 452 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D100-1.5, S strain gauges



Figure 453 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D100-1.5, H strain gauges



Figure 454 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D100-1.5, T strain gauges



Figure 455 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D120-1.5, D strain gauges



Figure 456 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D120-1.5, S strain gauges



Figure 457 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D120-1.5, H strain gauges



Figure 458 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D120-1.5, T strain gauges



Figure 459 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D80-2.5, D strain gauges



Figure 460 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D80-2.5, S strain gauges



Figure 461 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D80-2.5, H strain gauges



Figure 462 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D80-2.5, T strain gauges



Figure 463 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D100-2.5, D strain gauges



Figure 464 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D100-2.5, S strain gauges



Figure 465 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D100-2.5, H strain gauges



Figure 466 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D100-2.5, T strain gauges



Figure 467 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D120-2.5, D strain gauges



Figure 468 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D120-2.5, S strain gauges



Figure 469 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D120-2.5, H strain gauges



Figure 470 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D120-2.5, T strain gauges



Figure 471 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D80-3.5, D strain gauges



Figure 472 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D80-3.5, S strain gauges



Figure 473 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D80-3.5, H strain gauges



Figure 474 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D80-3.5, T strain gauges



Figure 475 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D100-3.5, D strain gauges



Figure 476 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D100-3.5, S strain gauges



Figure 477 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D100-3.5, H strain gauges



Figure 478 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D100-3.5, T strain gauges



Figure 479 – Envelopes of measured strains in diagonal bars of D120-3.5, D strain gauges



Figure 480 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of D120-3.5, S strain gauges



Figure 481 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of D120-3.5, H strain gauges



Figure 482 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of D120-3.5, T strain gauges



Figure 483 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of P80-2.5, P strain gauges



Figure 484 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of P80-2.5, S strain gauges



Figure 485 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of P80-2.5, T strain gauges



Figure 486 – Envelopes of measured strains in parallel bars of P100-2.5, P strain gauges



Figure 487 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of P100-2.5, S strain gauges



Figure 488 – Envelopes of measured strains in crossties of P100-2.5, T strain gauges


























Figure 502 – Envelopes of measured strains in closed stirrups of P-type beams with an aspect ratio of 2.5, S strain gauges



of P-type beams with aspect ratio of 2.5, T strain gauges



loading steps 5 through 9 (1% through 4% chord rotation), D strain gauges



Figure 505 – Maximum strains in P-type beams during loading steps 5 through 9 (1% through 4% chord rotation), P strain gauges

APPENDIX A: NOTATION

 A_{ch} = cross-sectional area of a member measured to the outside edges of transverse reinforcement, in.²

 A_{eff} = effective shear area, in.²

 A_q = gross area of concrete section, in.²

 A_s = total area of primary longitudinal reinforcement along the top or bottom face of a coupling beam with parallel reinforcement layout, in.²

- A_{sh} = total cross-sectional area of transverse reinforcement, including crossties, within spacing *s* and perpendicular to dimension b_c , in.²
- A_{vd} = total area of reinforcement in each group of diagonal bars in a diagonally-reinforced coupling beam, in.²

$$A_w$$
 = shear area, $A_w = b_w h/1.2$ (for rectangular sections), in.²

$$b_c$$
 = cross-sectional dimension of member core measured to the outside edges of the transverse reinforcement composing area A_{sh} , in.

$$b_w$$
 = beam width, in.

$$c_c$$
 = clear cover of reinforcement, in.

CR = chord rotation of the coupling beam, corrected for sliding and relative rotation between the top and bottom block, rad

$$CR_{75}$$
 = chord rotation corresponding to $V = 0.75V_{max}$ on the V versus CR envelope curve
(before V_{max} and for a given loading direction), rad

$$CR_{100}$$
 = chord rotation corresponding to V_{max} , rad

- d = distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement, in.
- d_b = nominal diameter of the primary longitudinal reinforcing bar, in.
- E_s = modulus of elasticity of steel reinforcement, 29,000 ksi (200,000 MPa)
- E_c = modulus of elasticity of concrete, psi
- f'_c = specified compressive strength of concrete, psi
- f_{cm} = measured average compressive strength of concrete, psi

f_{ct}	=	measured average splitting tensile strength of concrete, psi
f_t	=	measured peak stress or tensile strength of reinforcement, ksi
f_y	=	specified yield stress of longitudinal reinforcement, ksi
f _{ym}	=	measured yield stress of longitudinal reinforcement, ksi
<i>f</i> _{yt}	=	specified yield stress of transverse reinforcement, ksi
<i>f</i> _{ytm}	=	measured yield stress of transverse reinforcement, ksi
G _c	=	shear modulus of concrete, $G_c = 0.4E_c$, ksi
h	=	beam height, in.
i	=	index referring to layer of reinforcement
I _{eff}	=	effective moment of inertia, in. ⁴
I_g	=	gross moment of inertia, in. ⁴
I _{tr}	=	uncracked moment of inertia of the transformed section, in.4
Κ	=	stiffness calculated using ASCE 41-17 Table 10-19 ^[4] , kips/in.
K _e	=	secant stiffness associated with CR_{75} , kips/in.
K _S	=	secant stiffness associated with the peak force of a loading step (Tables 10 through
		13), kips/in.
ℓ_e	=	minimum straight embedment length to develop a tension stress of $1.25f_y$, in.
ℓ_n	=	length of clear span measured face-to-face of supports, in.
M _{nm}	=	calculated flexural strength corresponding to a stress of f_{ym} in the primary
		longitudinal reinforcement, lb-in.
M_{pr}	=	calculated flexural strength corresponding to a stress of $1.25f_y$ in the primary
		longitudinal reinforcement, lb-in.
n	=	total number of primary longitudinal reinforcing bars
		For a D-type beam, number of bars in each group of diagonal bars
		For a P-type beam, number of bars along the top or bottom face
S	=	spacing of transverse reinforcement, center-to-center, in.
v_e	=	calculated shear stress based on specified material properties, psi

		for a D-type beam, $v_e = 2A_{vd} f_y \sin \alpha / (b_w h)$, psi
		for a P-type beam, $v_e = (2M_{pr}/\ell_n)/(b_w d)$, psi
v_{max}	=	shear stress associated with V_{max} , psi
		for a D-type beam, $v_{max} = V_{max} / (b_w h)$, psi
		for a P-type beam, $v_{max} = V_{max} / (b_w d)$, psi
v_{nm}	=	shear stress associated with V_{nm} , psi
		for a D-type beam, $v_{nm} = V_{nm}/(b_w h)$, psi
		for a P-type beam, $v_{nm} = V_{nm}/(b_w d)$, psi
V	=	applied shear, kips
V _{max}	=	maximum applied shear, kips
V_{nm}	=	calculated shear strength based on measured material properties, kips
		for a D-type beam, $V_{nm} = 2A_{vd} f_{ym} \sin \alpha$
		for a P-type beam, $V_{nm} = 2M_{nm}/\ell_n$
α	=	angle of inclination of diagonal reinforcement relative to beam longitudinal axis,
		degrees
δ_{bot}	=	displacement of the bottom block top surface, in.
δ_{top}	=	displacement of the top block bottom surface, in.
\mathcal{E}_{sf}	=	fracture elongation of reinforcement, in./in.
ε_{su}	=	uniform elongation of reinforcement or strain corresponding to f_t , in./in.
$ heta_{bot}$	=	rotation of the bottom block (in the loading plane), rad
$ heta_{top}$	=	rotation of the top block (in the loading plane), rad
ρ	=	ratio of A_s to $b_w d$

APPENDIX B: SELECTED PHOTOS OF SPECIMENS DURING CONSTRUCTION



Figure B.1 – Coupling beam reinforcement, D120-1.5



Figure B.2 – Coupling beam reinforcement, D120-2.5



Figure B.3 – Coupling beam reinforcement, D120-3.5



Figure B.4 – Coupling beam reinforcement, P100-2.5



Figure B.5 – Base block reinforcement, typical of beams with aspect ratios of 2.5 and 3.5



Figure B.6 – Top block reinforcement typical of beams with aspect ratios of 2.5 and 3.5



Figure B.7 – Specimens before casting, D80-1.5, D100-1.5, and D120-1.5 (from left to right)



Figure B.8 – Specimens after formwork removal, D100-3.5, D80-3.5, P100-2.5, P80-2.5, D100-2.5, and D80-2.5 (from left to right)

APPENDIX C: SELECTED PHOTOS OF SPECIMENS DURING TESTING



Figure C.1 – D80-1.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.2 – D80-1.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.3 – D80-1.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.4 – D80-1.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.5 – D80-1.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.6 – D80-1.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.7 – D80-1.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.8 – D80-1.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.9 – D80-1.5 at +8% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.10 – D80-1.5 at -8% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.11 – D100-1.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.12 – D100-1.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.13 – D100-1.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.14 – D100-1.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.15 – D100-1.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.16 – D100-1.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.17 – D100-1.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.18 – D100-1.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.19 – D100-1.5 at +8% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.20 – D120-1.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.21 – D120-1.5 during first cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.22 – D120-1.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.23 – D120-1.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.24 – D120-1.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.25 – D120-1.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.26 – D120-1.5 at +6% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.27 – D120-1.5 at -6% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.28 – D80-2.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.29 – D80-2.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.30 – D80-2.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.31 – D80-2.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.32 – D80-2.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.33 – D80-2.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.34 – D80-2.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.35 – D80-2.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.36 – D80-2.5 at +8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.37 – D80-2.5 at -8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.38 – D80-2.5 at +10% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.39 – D80-2.5 at -10% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.40 – D100-2.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.41 – D100-2.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation


Figure C.42 – D100-2.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.43 – D100-2.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.44 – D100-2.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.45 – D100-2.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.46 – D100-2.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.47 – D100-2.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.48 – D100-2.5 at +8% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.49 – D100-2.5 at -8% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.50 – D120-2.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.51 – D120-2.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.52 – D120-2.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.53 – D120-2.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.54 – D120-2.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.55 – D120-2.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.56 – D120-2.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.57 – D120-2.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.58 – D120-2.5 at +8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.59 – D120-2.5 at -8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.60 – D80-3.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.61 – D80-3.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.62 – D80-3.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.63 – D80-3.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.64 – D80-3.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.65 – D80-3.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.66 – D80-3.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.67 – D80-3.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.68 – D80-3.5 at +8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.69 – D80-3.5 at -8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.70 – D80-3.5 at +10% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.71 – D80-3.5 at -10% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.72 – D100-3.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.73 – D100-3.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.74 – D100-3.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.76 – D100-3.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.75 – D100-3.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.77 – D100-3.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.78 – D100-3.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.80 – D100-3.5 at +8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.79 – D100-3.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.81 – D100-3.5 at -8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.82 – D100-3.5 at +10% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.83 – D100-3.5 at -10% chord rotation, first cycle



Figure C.84 – D120-3.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.85 – D120-3.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.86 – D120-3.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.88 – D120-3.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.87 – D120-3.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.89 – D120-3.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.90 – D120-3.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.92 – D120-3.5 at +8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.91 – D120-3.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.93 – D120-3.5 at -8% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.94 – P80-2.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.95 – P80-2.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.96 – P80-2.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.97 – P80-2.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.98 – P80-2.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.99 – P80-2.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.100 – P80-2.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.101 – P80-2.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.102 – P100-2.5 during second cycle to 2% chord rotation



Figure C.103 – P100-2.5 during second cycle to 6% chord rotation



Figure C.104 – P100-2.5 at +2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.105 – P100-2.5 at -2% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.106 – P100-2.5 at +4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.107 – P100-2.5 at -4% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.108 – P100-2.5 at +6% chord rotation, second cycle



Figure C.109 – P100-2.5 at -6% chord rotation, second cycle