

An Experimental Study of Confinement of Circular RCC Columns using Mild Steel Rings (March 2016)

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Abstract: The research investigates the advantages of using confinement to improve the axial compression load carrying capacity of RCC cylinders using mild steel rings. For this, confinement by Mild steel rings have been done to RCC cylinders to mimic real structural columns which may otherwise have to be discarded due to poor strength performance. The experimental programme included compression load testing a number of RCC cylindrical specimen to establish the effect the confinement had on the compressive load-carrying capacity. Effect of grade of concrete was also investigated in the study. It was found that confinement of RCC Columns increase axial load bearing capacity. The confinement yielded an increase in axial load bearing capacity of Circular RCC Columns by Confinement of Mild Steel Rings is 43.20 % for Fe415 grade of Steel and M25 grade of concrete. The confinement yielded an increase in axial load bearing capacity of Circular RCC Columns by Confinement of Mild Steel Rings is 40.74 % of Fe415 grade of Steel and M20 grade of concrete.

Keywords: M20, M25 Grade of concrete, Fe415, Fe250 Grade of steel, M.S. Rings

1. Introduction

The Rehabilitation of existing reinforced concrete columns may be required for a number of reasons. Many older buildings require rehabilitation and structural strengthening to allow for continued service if a change in the use or occupancy is planned or to improve the load Carrying capacity caused by deficient concrete as evidenced by low cube strength results. In the case of the latter, the structural column may need to be removed and re-placed leading to Significant financial costs and time implications. Therefore, the most practical solution to lesser the risk of structural collapse is by external strengthening. Significant advances in the understanding of structural behavior have occurred over the past 40 years. However, the lack of strict design criteria for older and deficient concrete elements has made them particularly susceptible to failure. A common detailing problem found in older reinforced concrete columns is widely spaced transverse ties or links. This leads to poor confinement and support to longitudinal reinforcement required to delay the strength degradation of concrete under ultimate load conditions and allow a ductile response. Failure of a column can be catastrophic and may cause partial or even complete structural collapse.

2. Proposed Idea

Continuous confinement has always increased the load carrying capacity of columns, as already known from literature. As we think of reducing the cost of confinement, continuous confinement proves to be more uneconomical. To address the cost issue, the intermittent confinement can be a Solution to the problem, if it found technically suitable.

3. Need

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4. Experimental Results

The experimental work & Results -

Table 1: Results of M25 Grade of concrete & Fe- 415 Grade of steel

S. No.	Specimen	Failure Load for M25 & Fe-415 in KN (Circular RCC Columns)	Failure Load for M25 & Fe-415 KN Confined Circular RCC Columns
1	1	566.9	1000
2	2	538.4	995.4
3	3	566	949.7
Avg.		557.1	981.7

Table 2: Results of M20 Grade of concrete & Fe-415 Grade of steel-

S. No.	Specimen	Failure Load for M20 & Fe-415 in KN (Circular RCC Columns)	Failure Load for M20 & Fe-415 KN Confined Circular RCC Columns
1	1	548.38	882.81
2	2	486.12	802
3	3	510.42	927.52
Avg.		514.97	870.78

5. Conclusion

It is concluded that, the increase in failure load is compared in table given below,

Table 3: Grade of Concrete M25

S. No.	Failure Load without Confinement (in KN)	Failure Load with confinement (in KN)
1	566.9	1000
2	538.4	995.4
3	566	949.7
Avg.	557.1	981.7

From our experimental work, the overall increase in the failure load by using confinement of mild steel rings is given below for Fe415 Steel, M25 Grade of Concrete-

Table 4: Grade of Concrete M25

S. No.	Difference in failure load of with confinement & without confinement (KN)	Percentage increase in failure load by confinement (KN)
1	1000 – 566.9 = 431.10	43.31 %
2	995.4 – 538.4 = 457	45.91 %
3	949.7 – 566 = 383.7	40.40 %
Avg.	423.93	43.20 %

Table 5: Grade of Concrete M20

S. No.	Failure Load without Confinement (in KN)	Failure Load with confinement (in KN)
1	548.38	882.81
2	486.12	802
3	510.42	927.52
Avg.	514.97	870.78

Table 6: Grade of Concrete M20

S. No.	Difference in failure load of with confinement	Percentage increase in failure load by confinement
1	882.81 – 548.38 = 334.43	37.88%
2	802 – 486.12 = 315.88	39.37%
3	927.52 – 510.42 = 417.10	44.97%
Avg.	761.63 – 568.76 = 193.87	40.74%

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So, it can be concluded on the basis of Experimental Work-

- The increment in failure load is **43.20 %** of Confined Circular RCC Column of **Fe415** Grade of Steel &**M25** Grade of Concrete.
- The increment in failure load is **40.74 %** of Confined Circular RCC Column of **Fe415** Grade of Steel &**M20** Grade of Concrete

6. Future Work

On the basis of our experimental work, rehabilitation of structure can be carried by confinement of Circular RCC Columns to increase load carrying capacity through mild steel rings. In our experimental work, we have calculated the axial load carrying capacity of circular RCC Columns and their crack patterns by using M25 & M20 grade of concrete. We can extend our work of confinement by increasing thickness of mild steel rings and similarly in the case of uni-axial and biaxial loading of columns, their load carrying capacity can be improved by Confinement.

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