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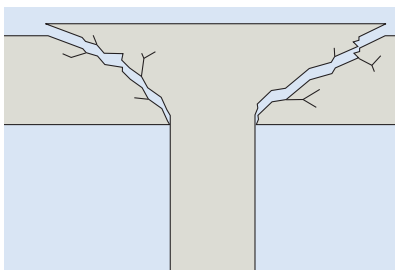
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# Shearfix

## Punching Shear Reinforcement

The weight of a slab supported on a column induces shear stresses in the slab. These stresses, if sufficient and where additional reinforcement has not been provided, would result in the column 'punching' through the slab. This punching shear is similarly induced in the footing on which the column bears.



Although punching shear can be relieved by localised thickening of the concrete with downstand

beams and enlarged column heads, the construction of flat slabs offers many advantages. A consistent head space can reduce the overall height of a building and provide significant time and material savings.

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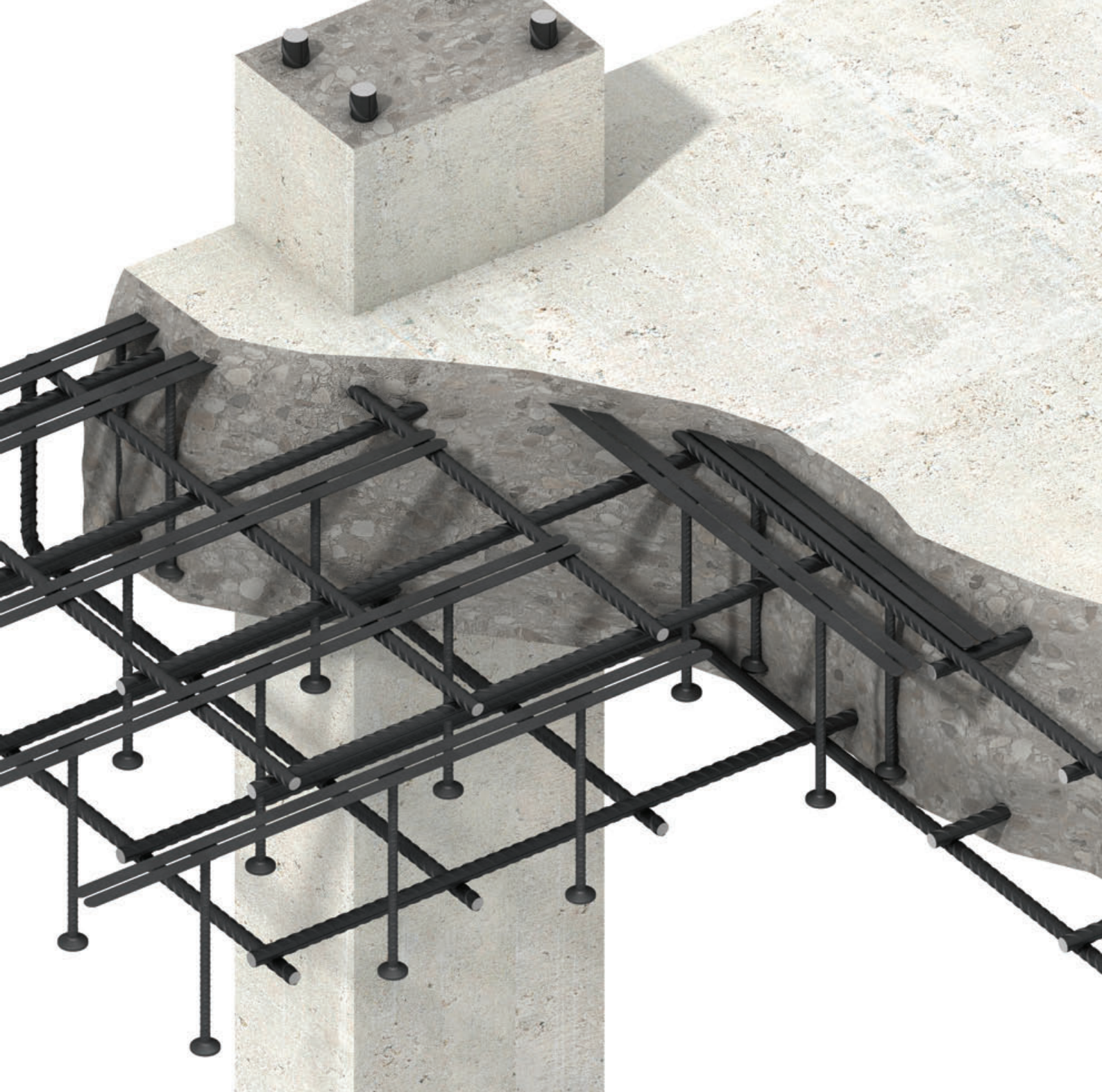
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## Ancon Shearfix

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Shearfix is suitable for all column shapes and is easy to install either 'top down' or 'bottom up', depending on user preference.

### Technical Approval

Shearfix has been evaluated by UK CARES for use in reinforced concrete slabs and footings designed in accordance with BS EN 1992 (Eurocode 2). Although British Standard BS 8110 has now been withdrawn, shear reinforcement can be safely designed and detailed to EC2 where a structure, including the flexural reinforcement of its floor slabs, has been designed to this previous design code.



### Comparison with Shear Links

Ancon Shearfix offers many advantages over loose shear links. Links can be time-consuming to both design and install. A Shearfix system is easily detailed with Ancon's free calculation program which generates a layout drawing for inclusion in the building plans and, rather than being installed individually, these studs are supplied to site welded to rails at the appropriate spacing.

When comparing links with studs, research has shown that any additional material costs incurred when purchasing a prefabricated stud system, such as Shearfix, are generally far outweighed by the savings from a significantly reduced fixing time; these systems being up to ten times quicker to install (*source: British Cement Association: Prefabricated punching shear reinforcement for reinforced concrete flat slabs. BCA, Camberley, 2001*).

### Details for Specifying/Ordering

Shearfix systems are designed to suit the specific load conditions at individual columns and are therefore manufactured to order. To specify and order an Ancon Shearfix system, download the free design program at [www.ancon.co.uk](http://www.ancon.co.uk) or contact Ancon for technical support.

### Project Management

Please contact Ancon if you would like help in creating a Shearfix schedule and a programme for delivery to suit progress on site. If advised at the time of ordering, pallets can be packed in priority order e.g by pour number.

Ancon's 'Products for Structural Concrete' division offers a dedicated service to the concrete sector. Contact the team on +44 (0) 114 275 5224 with your Shearfix enquiry.

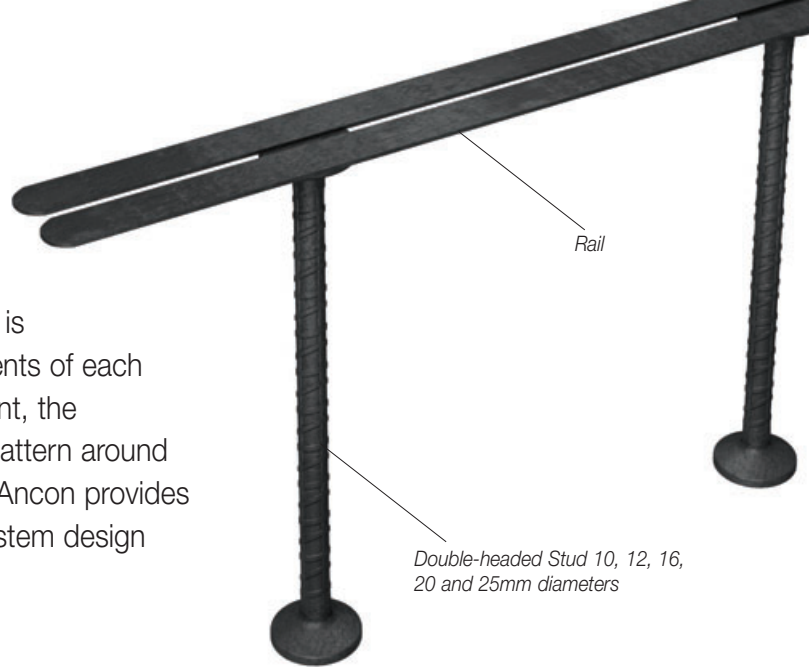
# Shearfix



Corner column

## System Components

The Ancon Shearfix system comprises double-headed studs welded to flat rails. It is manufactured to suit the specific requirements of each application. The quantity of each component, the dimensions and spacings, and the layout pattern around the column are determined by calculation. Ancon provides free software to determine the optimum system design (see pages 6-7).



### Shearfix Studs

Studs are manufactured in five diameters (10, 12, 16, 20 and 25mm) from CARES-approved B500C reinforcing bar. The heads are hot forged to three times the diameter of the bar. Studs are manufactured in virtually any length to suit the depth of slab, but are normally formed in increments of 5mm within the 100-1000mm range. The bar used in this system has a characteristic yield strength of 500N/mm<sup>2</sup>. The first and last stud from each production batch is tested in-house to ensure the correct mechanical properties are maintained.

### Shearfix Rails

The studs are welded to the rail at the centres determined by Ancon's software or a design calculation. The rail performs no structural function but ensures stud alignment and positioning within the slab.

Shearfix rails are manufactured from strips of steel which are 16mm wide x 3mm thick on studs up to 16mm in diameter and 20mm x 5mm on the larger two stud diameters. The rails feature rounded ends to reduce the risk of injury during handling. The gap between the strips allows for the passage of concrete during pouring and also enables the rail to be nailed through spacers to formwork when fixed 'bottom up' i.e. prior to all other reinforcement.

### Spacer Bars (Optional)

Spacer bars should be used with 'top down' fixing of an orthogonal rail layout, when rails run parallel to T1 reinforcement. The spacer bars are tied to the main T2 reinforcement where it is necessary to raise the level of the studs as if placed on T1 bars.



Orthogonal Layout



Radial Layout

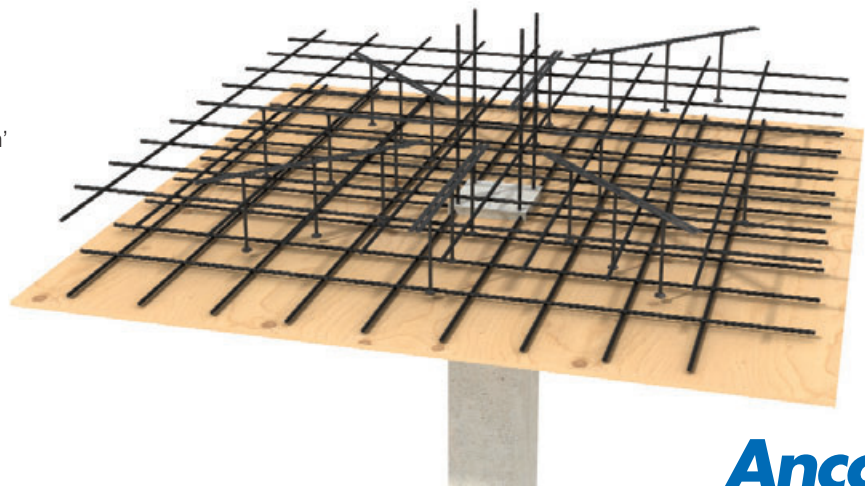
### Product Identification

Each rail of studs carries an identification code generated by the Ancon design program. To ensure the products and documentation can be cross-checked, these 16 digit reference codes are used throughout the process from design to installation. They appear on the calculation summary sheet, the DXF layout file and on each physical rail when delivered to site.

Rails also include other references such as column number or floor level if provided at the time of ordering.



'Top down' installation. Rail is tied to the main reinforcement



# Shearfix Punching Shear Reinforcement

## Design Information: BS EN 1992-1-1:2004

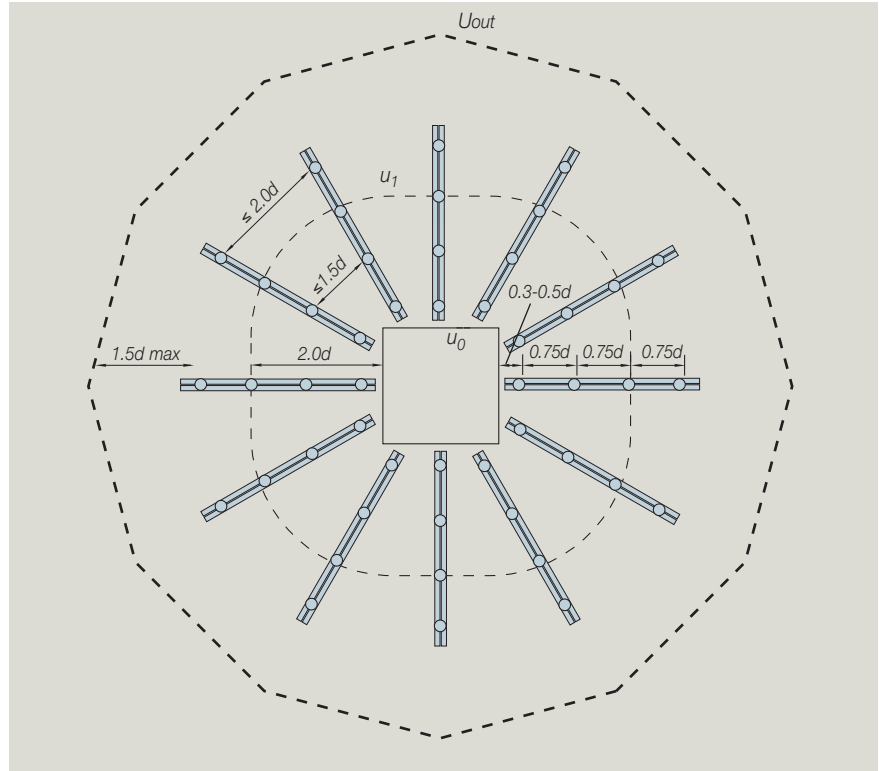
The design of punching shear reinforcement should be carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained in BS EN 1992-1-1:2004. Shearfix designed to BS EN 1992 can also be applied to structures designed to BS 8110.

The shear stress in the concrete is calculated at the column face and at the basic control perimeter ( $2d$  from the column face) to determine whether punching shear reinforcement is required.

If reinforcement is required, the position of the outer control perimeter at which shear reinforcement is no longer needed ( $u_{out}$ ) is then calculated. Studs are arranged to start between  $0.3d$  to  $0.5d$  from the column face to within  $1.5d$  of the outer control perimeter ( $u_{out}$ ); intermediate studs are positioned at  $0.75d$  centres. The Ancon software defaults to a stud start point of  $0.5d$ , although  $0.3d$  is available as an option.

A radial layout will normally provide the most cost-effective solution and rails can be arranged with either  $30^\circ$  or  $45^\circ$  between them. The tangential spacing between studs is kept to within  $1.5d$  for studs within the basic control perimeter ( $u_1$ ) and  $2d$  for studs outside the basic control perimeter; additional secondary rails are added as necessary to comply with this requirement.

For internal, edge and corner columns where lateral stability does not depend on frame action between slabs and columns, and where adjacent spans differ by less than 25%, the recommended  $\beta$  values from BS EN 1992 can be applied to the design shear load  $V_{Ed}$ . Internal columns can also have moments applied in two directions in which case the  $\beta$  value is calculated, but for all other cases and for all re-entrant corner columns the design effective shear stress  $V_{eff}$  should be entered which must include a value for  $\beta$  calculated in accordance with the guidance within BS EN 1992.

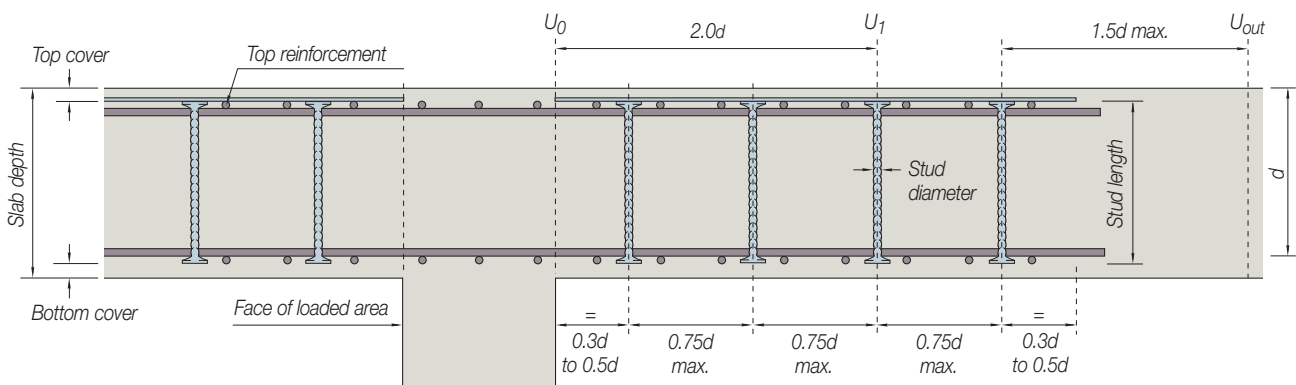
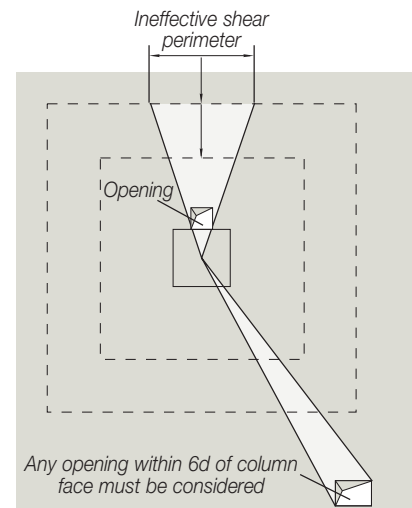


### Openings in the slab

Where there are openings in the slab within  $6d$  of the column face a section of the slab will be ineffective and the perimeter lengths will be reduced. A series of rectangular openings can be added around each column using the Ancon design program which then calculates the required punching shear reinforcement.

### Design Manual

An Ancon Shearfix manual to EC2 is available. Contact Ancon for a copy.





## Design Program

Shearfix is designed to suit the specific requirements of each application. Ancon provides a free design program to simplify the specification and ordering of a Shearfix system.

This easy-to-use program allows the optimum system design to be determined and generates a printable data sheet and a DXF file of the specified layout. Solutions can be created for all column sizes, shapes and locations including columns offset from edges and corners.

The program allows analysis to BS EN 1992 (Eurocode 2), BS 8110-1 and AS 3600.

Where there are openings close to the column, a section of the slab will be ineffective and perimeters will need to be reduced; the Ancon design program allows these reductions to be applied to each perimeter.

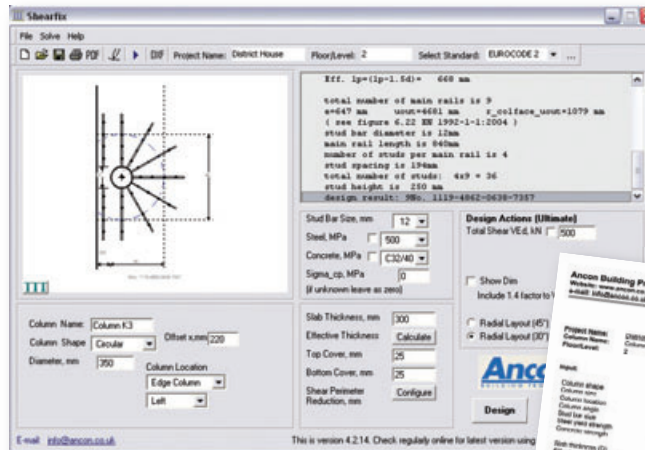
The program requires the following information:

- Column shape (circular, rectangular or 'L' shape)
- Column dimensions
- Column location (interior, edge, external corner, re-entrant corner)
- Dimension to concrete edge (for offset corner and edge columns)
- Slab thickness
- Concrete grade
- Reinforcement size and spacing
- Cover to reinforcement
- Shear load
- Applied moments

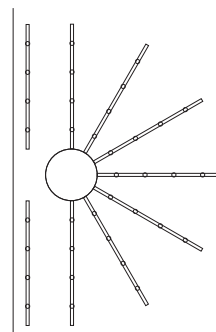
This free program can be downloaded from [www.ancon.co.uk](http://www.ancon.co.uk) or emailed on request. Contact Ancon on +44 (0) 114 275 5224 or [info@ancon.co.uk](mailto:info@ancon.co.uk).

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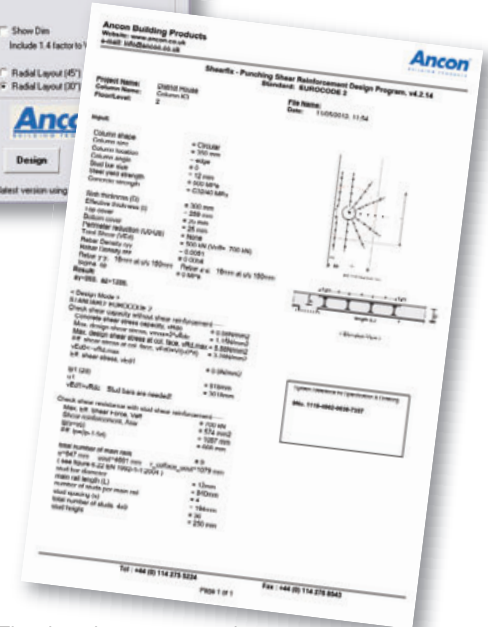
In addition to the Ancon design program, the Shearfix design method has been integrated into RAM Concept, the market leading modelling tool for reinforced and post-tensioned concrete floor slabs supplied by Bentley Systems. An alliance between Ancon and Bentley means users of RAM Concept can perform an automated punching shear analysis and detail shear stud rails in their building models. This enhanced functionality saves precious time at the design stage.



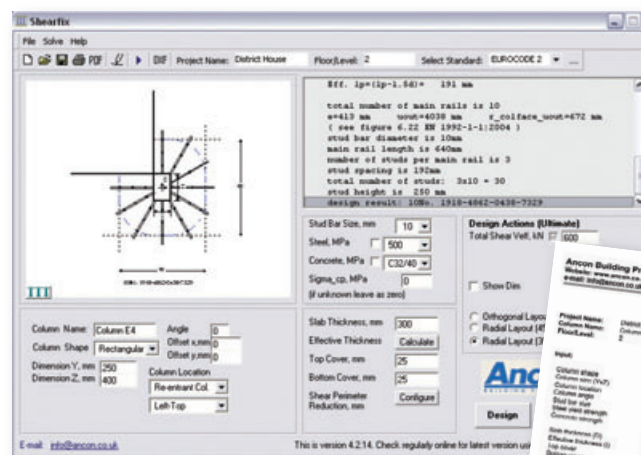
Screen shot of a circular column offset from one edge, with a radial stud layout



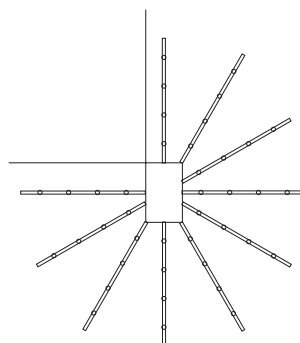
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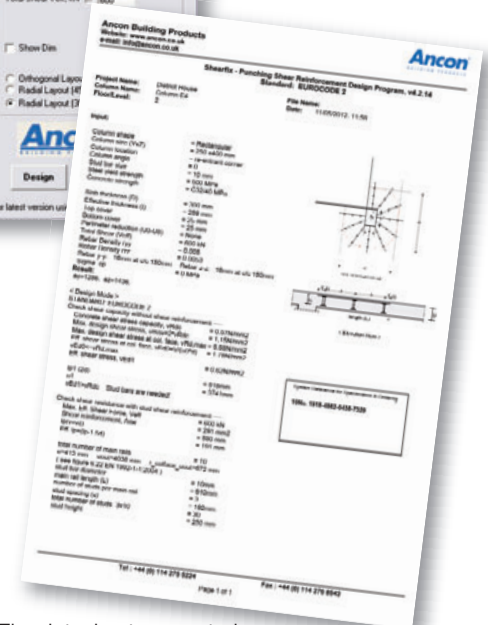
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Screen shot of a rectangular column at a re-entrant corner, with a radial stud layout



The DXF file generated



The datasheet generated

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## Design and Technical Support

In addition to the Shearfix design program shown on page 7, Ancon's Technical Services Team offers free design and technical support. A design sheet is available which allows engineers to summarise the critical details of their project and request technical assistance with a Shearfix design. This form is shown on page 9.

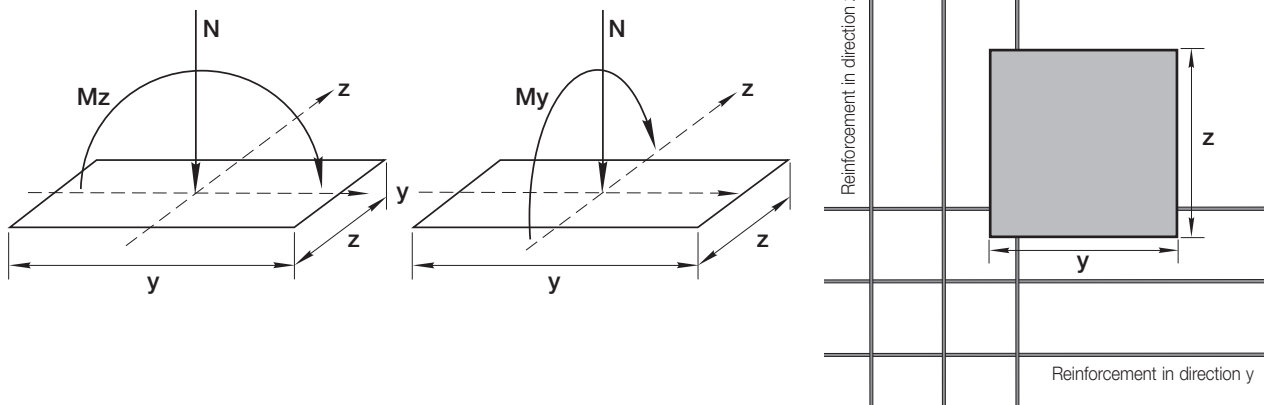
### Guidance for Completion of BS EN 1992 (EC2) Design Sheet

To ensure we receive all necessary design information Ancon requires the design information for each column to be compiled together. Unfortunately we are unable to offer a Shearfix design service based upon sets of separate drawings; the design sheet on the following page has been developed for the transfer of this information. Following receipt of the design information for each application you would like us to consider, calculation sheets will be returned to you detailing the required Shearfix rails.

### Loads

Please note, that whilst there is a column on the design sheet for moments, these cannot be used in all applications. For different column types the following options are available for specifying loads:

Column Type	Load Specification Options for EC2
Interior	Specify $V_{Ed}$ and Moments <b>or</b> Specify $V_{Ed}$ with set factor of 1.15 <b>or</b> Specify $V_{eff}$
Edge	- Specify $V_{Ed}$ with set factor of 1.4 <b>or</b> Specify $V_{eff}$
Corner	- Specify $V_{Ed}$ with set factor of 1.5 <b>or</b> Specify $V_{eff}$
Re-entrant Corner	- <b>or</b> Specify $V_{eff}$



### Rail Arrangements

Ancon provides solutions in either orthogonal or radial layouts, therefore please remember to indicate your preference on the design sheet. In the absence of this information we will provide what we consider to be the best i.e. most economical solution for each case which will inevitably mean a mix of the two in the overall design.

### Reinforcement

Please indicate the reinforcement diameter and spacing on the sheet. Where additional reinforcement is being used, please provide both sizes i.e. for main reinforcement of  $\text{Ø}16\text{mm} @ 200\text{mm}$  spacings plus additional reinforcement of  $\text{Ø}20\text{mm} @ 200\text{mm}$  spacings, please write  $16 + 20 @ 200$ .

### Edge Distances

Edge distances are restricted to three times the effective depth where the effective depth is:

$$\text{slab depth} - \text{top cover} - \left(\frac{T1 + T2}{2}\right)$$



# Shearfix Punching Shear Reinforcement to BS EN 1992 (EC2) - Design Information *Shearfix*

Please refer to the *additional guidance sheet before completing this form.*

Project name ..... Contact name .....  
 Project address..... Company.....  
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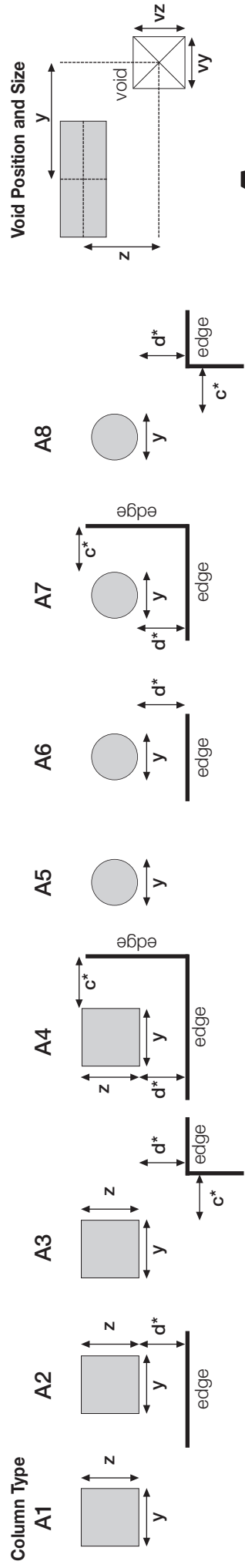
Your Column Reference	Column Type (A1, A2...)	Column Dimension (mm) y x z	Edge Distance (mm) d*	V <sub>Ed</sub> (kN) Ultimate Load ULS	OR		Reinforcement in direction y bar Ø spacing	Reinforcement in direction z bar Ø spacing	Voids (mm) (Please supply drawings to clarify positions of voids) Size Position vy vz y z
					Moments** kNm Mz My	V <sub>eff</sub> (kN) Effective Load ULS			

**Slab depth** ..... mm  
**Concrete cover top** ..... mm  
**Concrete cover bottom** ..... mm

**Rail Layout (tick one)**  
 Radial  Best solution per column  Orthogonal

Note: Refer to page 8 for information on moments and possible load combinations.

\* Maximum 3 x effective depth.  
 \*\* Mz moments act in the columns y direction i.e. horizontally across the columns when orientated as shown below. Please refer to page 8 for more information. If left blank, standard factors will be applied.

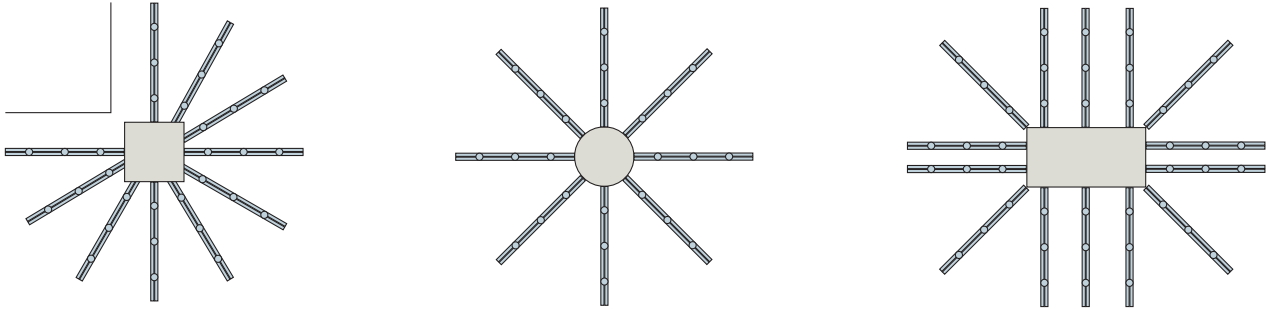


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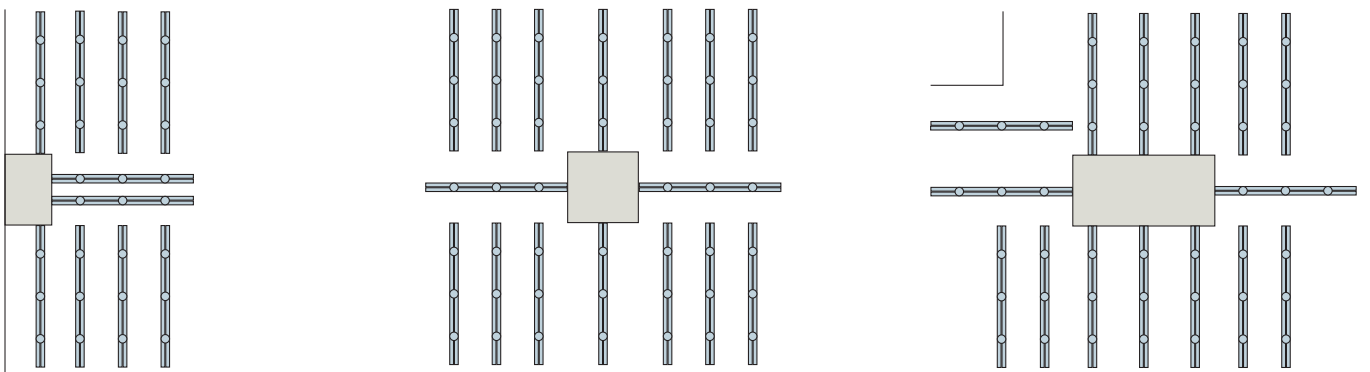
## Typical Rail Arrangements

Shearfix is suitable for all column shapes and locations. Some typical arrangements are shown here.

### Radial Layouts



### Orthogonal Layouts

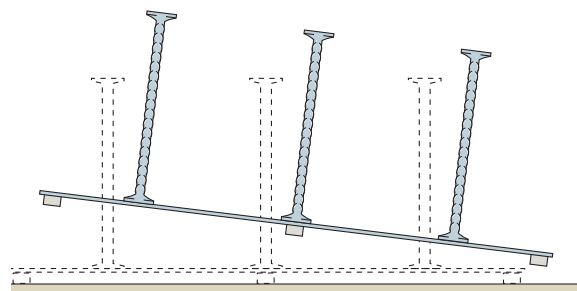
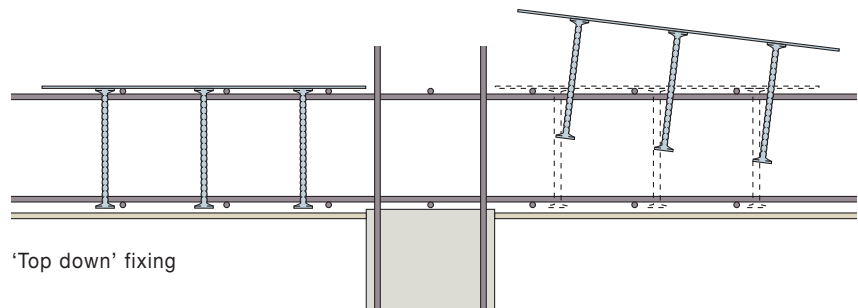


## Installation Procedure

Ancon Shearfix is quick and simple to install. It can be fitted either 'top down' (after all other reinforcement) or 'bottom up' (prior to other reinforcement).

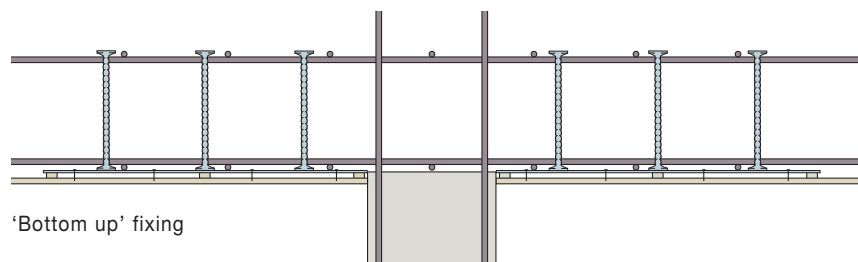
### 'Top down' Fixing

- Fix all main reinforcement in position
- Place Shearfix rails around the column to the layout detailed on job drawings by passing the studs through the reinforcement grid and resting the carrier rails on the top layer of reinforcement. Use spacer bars where required in orthogonal layouts - see page 5 for details
- Tie rails with wire to main reinforcement and pour concrete



### 'Bottom up' Fixing

- Tie rails with wire to concrete spacers in order to maintain cover
- Place rail and spacer units around the column to the layout detailed on job drawings
- Hammer nails through gap in rails to fix the system to formwork
- Fix main reinforcement in position and pour concrete taking care not to displace the studs





## Applications

Photo: University of Derby



Markeaton Street, Derby, UK



Kings Dock Mill, Liverpool, UK



Victoria Point, Melbourne, Australia

## Other Ancon Products

### Reinforcing Bar Couplers

The use of reinforcing bar couplers can provide significant advantages over lapped joints. Design and construction of the concrete can be simplified and the amount of reinforcement required can be reduced. The Ancon range includes parallel threaded, tapered threaded and mechanically bolted couplers.



### Reinforcement Continuity Systems

Reinforcement Continuity Systems are an increasingly popular means of maintaining continuity of reinforcement at construction joints in concrete. Ancon Eazistrip is approved by UK CARES and consists of pre-bent bars housed within a galvanised steel casing. Once installed, the protective cover is removed and the bars are straightened.



### Insulated Balcony Connections

Ancon Isolan connectors join external concrete balconies to internal concrete floor slabs. Used to minimise cold bridging, they provide continuity to the thermal insulation. Standard systems, comprising rigid CFC-free polystyrene insulation and duplex stainless steel shear reinforcement, suit most depths of cantilever and simply supported balconies. Conventional reinforcing bars are used to provide the tension and compression reinforcement.



### Shear Load Connectors

Ancon DSD and ESD Shear Load Connectors are used to transfer shear across expansion and contraction joints in concrete. They are more effective at transferring load and allowing movement to take place than standard dowels, and can be used to eliminate double columns at structural movement joints in buildings.



### Channel and Bolt Fixings

Ancon offers a wide range of channels and bolts in order to fix stainless steel masonry support, restraints and windposts to structural frames. Cast-in channels and expansion bolts are used for fixing to the edges of concrete floors and beams.



### Special Fabrications

Ancon designs and manufactures high integrity steel components for a wide range of industries including Civil Engineering, Building, Infrastructure, Water Treatment, Nuclear and Mining. Projects are supplied worldwide and range from small-scale residential developments to major infrastructure projects.



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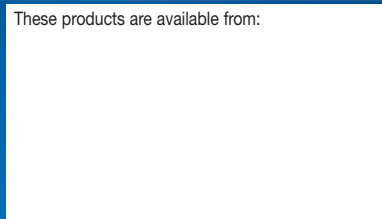
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