

# Hollow Section

### Example 8.3

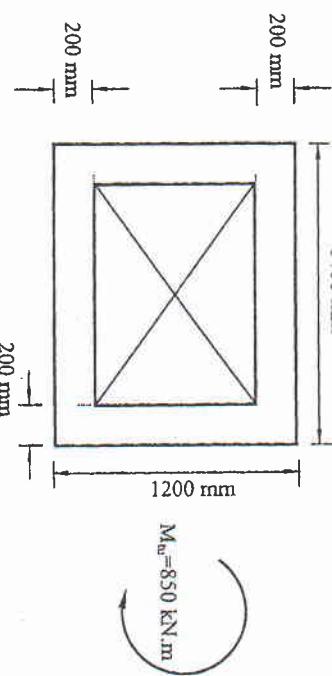
The figure shown below is for the cross section of a main girder that is subjected to a factored torsional moment of a value of 850 kN.m. It is required to design the girder for torsion.

Data

$$f_{cu} = 25 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$f_{fy} = 360 \text{ N/mm}^2, f_y = 360 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

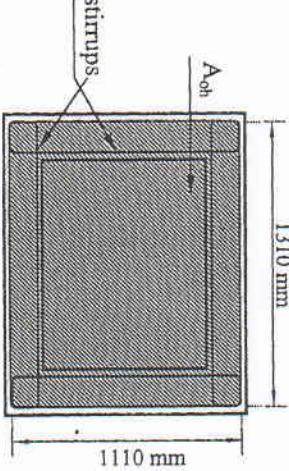
**Hollow Section**  
**Torsion only**



### Solution

#### Step 1: Section properties

Assume concrete cover of 45 mm to the centerline of the stirrup all around the cross section



$$q_{u,\max} = 0.70 \sqrt{\frac{25}{1.5}} = 2.86 \text{ N/mm}^2 < 4.0 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Since  $q_u(1.72) > q_{u,\max}(2.86)$ , the cross section dimensions are adequate.

#### Step 3: Check the adequacy of the cross-section dimensions

$$t_e = \frac{A_{oh}}{P_h} = \frac{1454100}{4840} = 300.4 \text{ mm} > t_{\text{actual}} (200 \text{ mm})$$

Use  $t_e = t_{\text{actual}} = 200 \text{ mm}$

#### Step 2: Calculations of shear stress due to torsion

$$q_u = \frac{M_u}{2 \times A_o \times t_e} = \frac{850 \times 10^6}{2 \times 1235985 \times 200} = 1.72 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Since  $q_u(1.72) > q_{u,\min}(0.24)$  then torsion should be considered.

#### Step 4: Reinforcement for torsion

##### A- Stirrups reinforcement

According to clause (4-2-3-5-b) in the code, the spacing of the stirrups should be smaller of:  $P_h/8$  (605) mm or 200 mm, try spacing of 200 mm

$$A_{str} = \frac{M_u \times s}{2 \times A_o \times f_{y,s}} = \frac{850 \times 10^6 \times 200}{2 \times 1235985 \times 360 / 1.15} = 219.68 \text{ mm}^2$$

For box sections having a wall width less than  $b/6$ , the code permits dividing the obtained area of stirrups between the two sides of the wall.

$$\text{For the two vertical walls (webs)} \quad t_w(200) \leq \frac{1200}{6} \Rightarrow 200 \text{ mm}$$

For the two horizontal walls (flanges)  $t_w(200) < \frac{1400}{6} \Rightarrow 233.33 \text{ mm}$

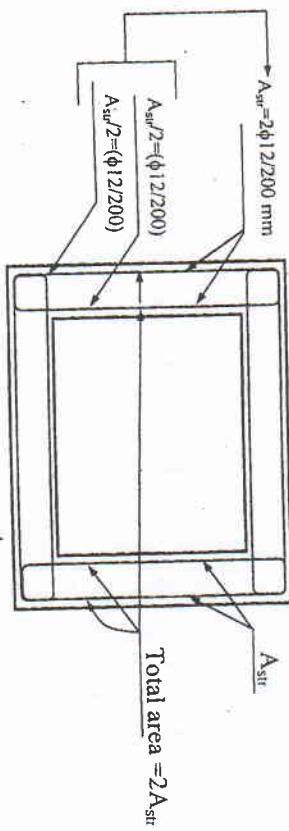
Torsional shear

web stirrups

$$P_h = 2(1310 + 1110) = 4840 \text{ mm} = 2(C_1 + Y_1)$$

$$A_{oh} = 1310 \times 1110 = 1454100 \text{ mm}^2 \Rightarrow Y_1 * Y_1$$

$$A_o = 0.85 A_{oh} = 0.85 \times 1454100 = 1235985 \text{ mm}^2$$



$$A_{s,t,\min} = \frac{0.4}{f_y} b \times s = \frac{0.4}{360} (2 \times 200) \times 200 = 89 \text{ mm}^2$$

The minimum area of steel for torsion is:  $2A_{s,t} \geq A_{s,t,\min}$

$$4 \times 12 > A_{s,t,\min} (89) \quad \text{ok}$$

Final design  $\phi 12/200 \text{ mm}$

### B-Longitudinal Reinforcement

The area of the longitudinal steel is given by:

$$A_{sl} = \frac{A_{st} \times P_h}{s} \left( \frac{f_{yH}}{f_y} \right) = \frac{219.7 \times 4840}{200} \left( \frac{360}{360} \right) = 5316 \text{ mm}^2$$

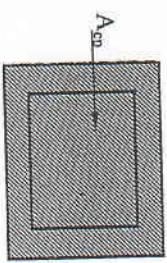
Calculate the minimum area for longitudinal reinforcement  $A_{s,l,\min}$ , (use the chosen  $A_{s,t}$ )

$$A_{s,l,\min} = \frac{0.4}{f_y} \sqrt{\frac{f_{yH} A_{st}}{\gamma_c}} - \frac{A_{s,t} \times P_h}{s} \left( \frac{f_{yH}}{f_y} \right)$$

There is a condition on this equation that  $\frac{A_{st}}{s} \geq \frac{b}{6 \times f_{yH}}$  (code 4-2-3-5-c)

$$\frac{219.7}{200} \geq \frac{1400}{6 \times 360} \dots \text{ok}$$

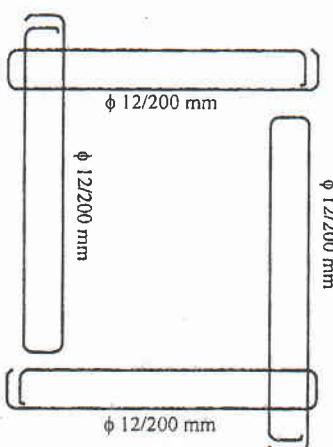
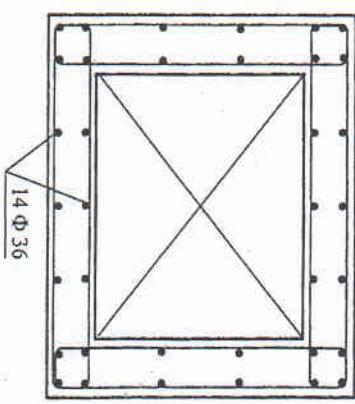
$$A_{st} = 1400 \times 1200 = 1680000 \text{ mm}^2$$



$$A_{s,t,\min} = \frac{0.4 \sqrt{\frac{25}{1.5} \times 1680000}}{360/1.15} - \frac{219.7 \times 4840}{200} \left( \frac{360}{360} \right) = 3447 \text{ mm}^2$$

Since  $A_{s,t} > A_{s,t,\min} \dots \text{ok}$

The bar diameter chosen should be greater than 12mm or  $s/15(13.3 \text{ mm})$   
Choose 36  $\Phi 14(5541 \text{ mm}^2)$ .



**Example 8.6**

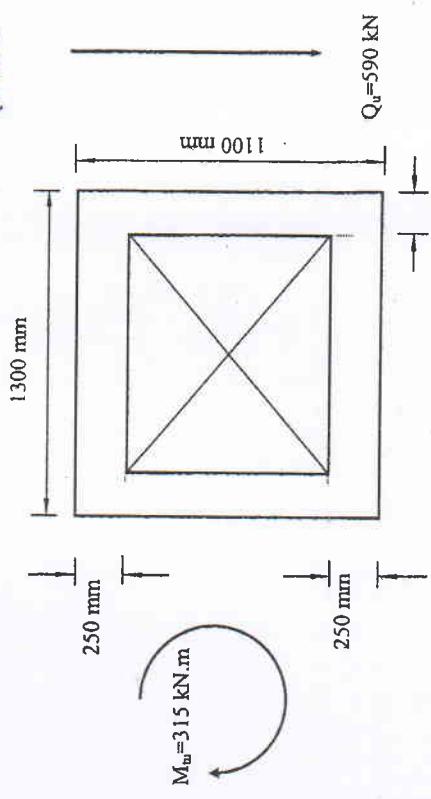
The box section shown in figure is subjected to combined shear and torsion. Check the adequacy of the concrete dimensions and design both web and longitudinal reinforcement.

Data

$$f_{cu} = 30 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$f_{y,st} = 240 \text{ N/mm}^2, f_y = 400 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

*Combined Shear and Torsion*

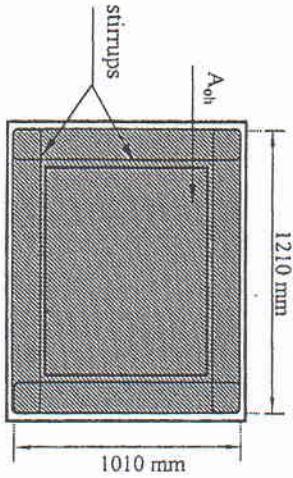
**Solution****Step 1: Shear and Torsional Stresses****Step 1.1: Shear Stresses**

For calculating shear stresses, only the web width will be considered thus:  
 $b=250+250=500\text{mm}$

$$q_u = \frac{Q_u}{b \times d} = \frac{590 \times 1000}{500 \times 1050} = 1.124 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

**Step 1.2: Torsional Stresses**

Assume concrete cover of 45 mm to the centerline of the stirrup all around the cross section



$$P_h = 2(1210 + 1010) = 4440 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_{oh} = 1210 \times 1010 = 1222100 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$A_o = 0.85 A_{oh} = 0.85 \times 1222100 = 1038785 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$t_c = \frac{A_{oh}}{P_h} = \frac{1222100}{4440} = 275.2 \text{ mm} > t_{actual}(250 \text{ mm})$$

Use  $t_c = t_{actual} = 250 \text{ mm}$

$$M_{tu} = 315 \text{ kN.m}$$

$$q_m = \frac{M_m}{2 \times A_s \times t_c} = \frac{315 \times 10^6}{2 \times 1038785 \times 250} = 0.606 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$q_{tu,min} = 0.06 \sqrt{\frac{f_{ck}}{t_c}} = 0.06 \sqrt{\frac{30}{1.5}} = 0.27$$

Since  $q_{tu}(0.606) > q_{lumin} (0.27)$  then torsion can not be neglected

### Step 2: Check the adequacy of the cross-section dimensions

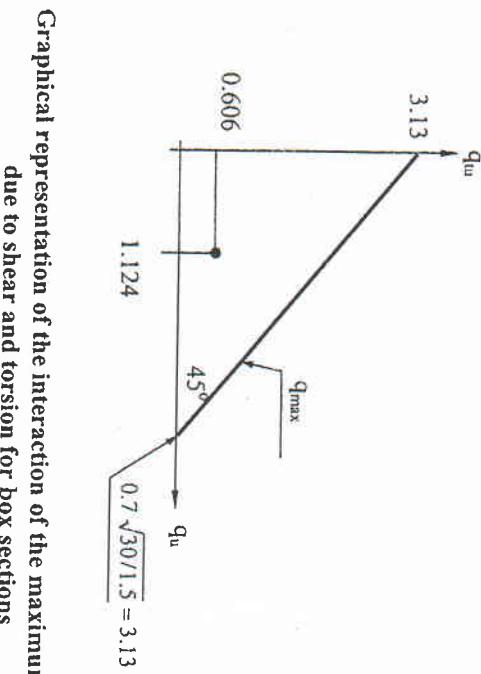
For box section, use the following equations is applied

$$q_{max} = 0.7 \sqrt{30/1.5} = 3.13 \leq 4 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$q_m + q_o \leq q_{max}$$

$\Rightarrow$  check max

Since the previous equation is satisfied, the cross section dimensions are adequate for resisting combined shear and torsion.



### Step 3: Design of closed stirrups for shear and torsion

#### Step 3.1: Area of stirrups for shear

The concrete shear strength  $q_{cu}$  equals

$$q_{cu} = 0.24 \sqrt{\frac{30}{1.5}} = 1.07 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Since the applied shear (1.124) is greater than  $q_{cu}$  (1.07) shear reinforcement is needed

$$q_{su} = q_p - \frac{q_{cu}}{2} = 1.124 - \frac{1.07}{2} = 0.59 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Assume spacing  $s=100 \text{ mm}$

$$A_{st} = \frac{q_{su} \times b \times s}{f_y / 1.15} = \frac{0.59 \times 300 \times 100}{240 / 1.15} = 140.67 \text{ mm}^2$$

Since two stirrups is used and each one have two branches as shown in figure Area required for shear for one branch of the stirrup equals  $A_{st}/4 = 35.17 \text{ mm}^2$

### Step 3.2: Area of stirrups for torsion

The area of one branch  $A_{\text{stir}}$

$$A_{\text{stir}} = \frac{M_u \times s}{2 \times A_o \times f_y / \gamma_e} = \frac{315 \times 10^6 \times 100}{2 \times 1038785 \times 240 / 1.15} = 72.65 \text{ mm}^2$$

For box section the code permits (4-2-3-5-b) the use of reinforcement along the interior and exterior sides of each web if the wall thickness  $t_w$  is less or equal than the section width/6.

$$\because t_w(250) > \frac{1100}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad t_w(250) > \frac{1300}{6}, \text{ only the external leg is considered in calculations of torsional reinforcement as shown in the figure below.}$$

### Step 3.3: Stirrups for combined shear and torsion

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Torsion  
Shear

### A-Flanges

The area of the stirrups is required for torsion only (one branch) =  $72.65 \text{ mm}^2$

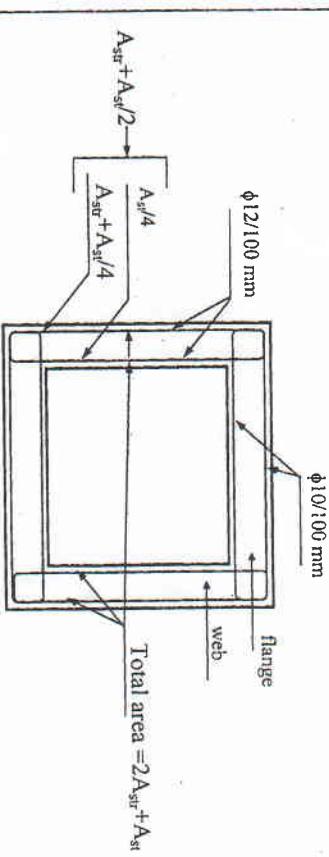
Thus choose  $\phi 10/100 \text{ mm}$  ( $78.5 \text{ mm}^2$ )

### B-Webs

The area required for one branch of the exterior leg for shear and torsion =  $A_{\text{stir}} + A_{\text{sl}}/4$   
 $= 72.65 + 35.17 = 107.8 \text{ mm}^2$

Thus choose  $\phi 12/100 \text{ mm}$  ( $113 \text{ mm}^2$ )

The area required for one branch of the interior leg for shear =  $35.17 \text{ mm}^2$



$$A_{\text{stir,min}} = \frac{0.40 \sqrt{\frac{30}{1.5} \times 1430000}}{400/1.15} = \frac{1300}{6 \times 240} \times 4440 \times \left(\frac{240}{400}\right) = 4949 \text{ mm}^2$$

Since  $A_{\text{sl}} < A_{\text{stir,min}}$  use  $A_{\text{stir,min}}$

### Check $A_{\text{sl,min}}$

$$2(A_{\text{stir}} + A_{\text{sl}})_{\text{min}} = \frac{0.40}{240} b \times s = \frac{0.40}{240} 500 \times 100 = 83.33 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$A_{\text{sl,chosen}} = 4 \times 113 = 452 \text{ mm}^2 > 83.33 \dots \text{ok}$$

### Step 4: Design of Longitudinal reinforcement

$$A_{\text{sl}} = \frac{A_{\text{stir}} \times P_s \left( \frac{f_y}{f_y} \right)}{s} = \frac{72.65 \times 4440 \left( \frac{240}{400} \right)}{100} = 1935 \text{ mm}^2$$

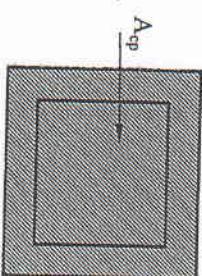
Calculate the minimum area for longitudinal reinforcement  $A_{\text{sl,min}}$ . Since the chosen stirrup is for combined shear and torsion, use the calculated  $A_{\text{stir}}$

$$A_{\text{sl,min}} = \frac{0.40 \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{f_y} A_{\text{cp}}}}{s} - \left( \frac{A_{\text{stir}}}{s} \right) \times P_s \left( \frac{f_y}{f_y} \right)$$

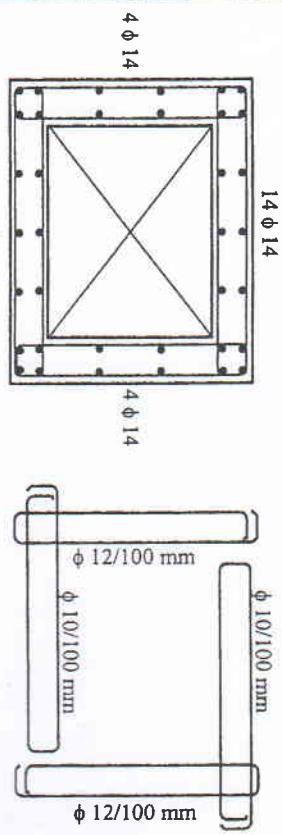
There is a condition on this equation that  $\frac{A_{\text{sl}}}{s} \geq \frac{b}{6 \times f_y}$  (code 4-2-3-5-c)

$$\frac{72.65}{100} < \frac{1300}{6 \times 240} \text{ thus use } \frac{b}{6 \times f_y}$$

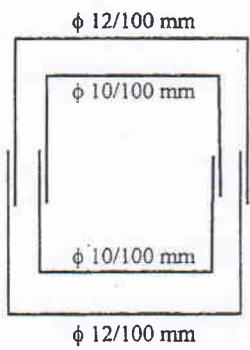
$$A_{\text{cp}} = 1300 \times 1100 = 1430000 \text{ mm}^2$$



The bar diameter chosen should be greater than 12mm or  $s/15(6.67 \text{ mm})$   
Choose  $36 \phi 14(5541 \text{ mm}^2)$  such that the maximum spacing between  
longitudinal steel is less than 300 mm.



Note : Another alternative for stirrups arrangement is given below. Note also that the internal stirrup is taken as  $\phi 10/100 \text{ mm}$  since it is only resist shear stresses.



Alternative stirrups detail