

REFERENCE PANEL

GUIDANCE NOTES



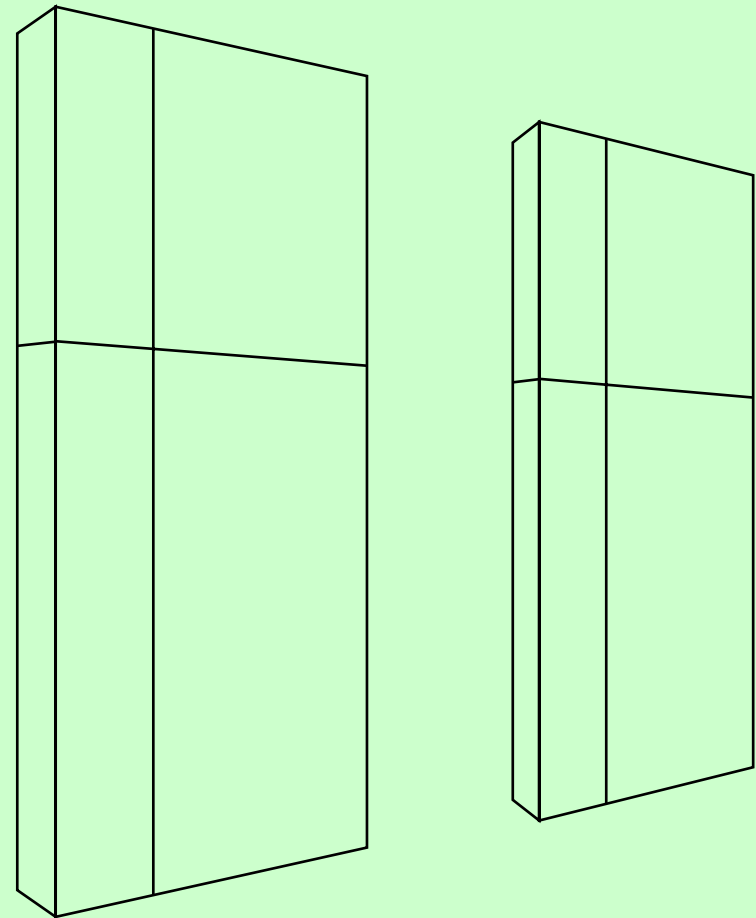
CONCRETE FINISHES

To BS8110

and

National Structural Concrete Specification

Edition 3



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CONCRETE FINISHES - REFERENCE PANELS
GUIDANCE NOTES FOR INTERPRETATION AND USE

(Refer also to National Concrete Frame Specification Clause 4.6.1 and BS8110 Section 6)

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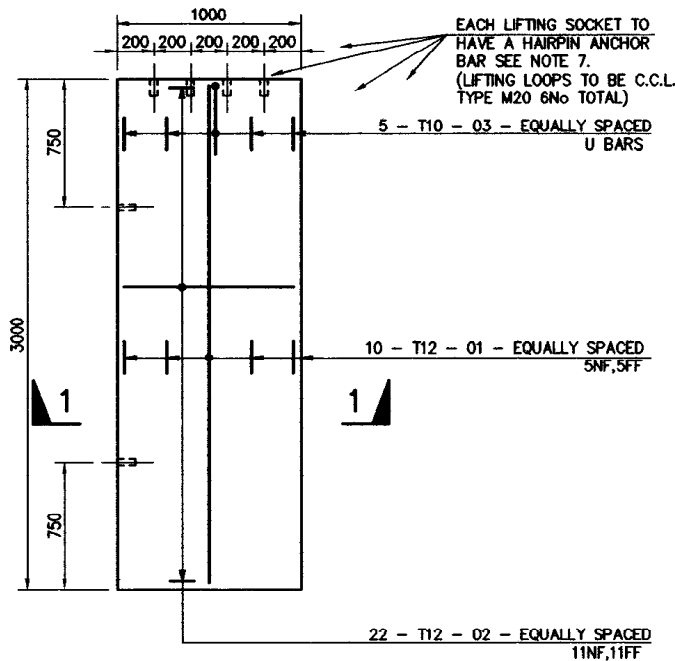
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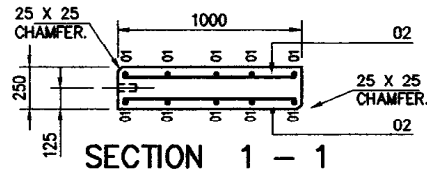
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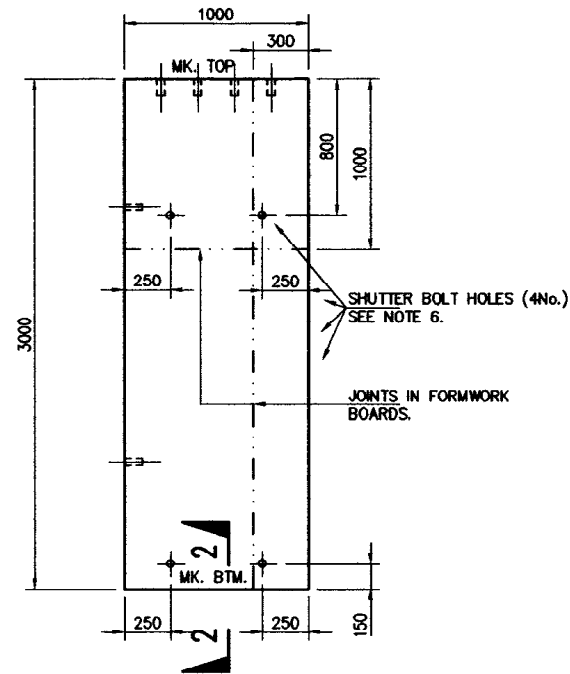


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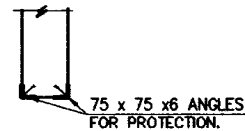
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T - TYPE 2 DEFORMED BARS, GRADE 460 COMPLYING WITH BS 4449.



FORMWORK ELEVATION



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1. CONCRETE TO BE GRADE C 35 TO BS5328.
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- | PANEL FINISH | EACH SIDE | FORMWORK |
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| | USED | |
10. PANELS MUST BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE VERTICAL POSITION AS WALL PANELS WITH TOP & BTM. POSITIONS AS MARKED.
 11. FORMWORK TO BE OF THE SAME CONSTRUCTION TO ALL PANELS.

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| SAMPLE WALL PANELS B.S. 8110 (PART 1) TYPE 'A' & TYPE 'B' FINISH | PETER BRETT ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS |
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DETAIL OF PANELS - CONSTRUCTION DETAILS (North East)

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|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| CONCRETE C35 | Materials: | Cement | <i>PC</i> | - Castle, Ketton |
| | | Aggregate | <i>20-5 L/ST</i> | - Longcliffe, Brassington |
| | | Sand | <i>Sand M</i> | - RMC Aggregates, Attenborough |
| | Mix details: | | <i>Cement content</i> | - 330Kg/m ³ ; w/c 0.50; agg/cem 5.61; 37.16% sand |
| FORMWORK | Design: | Pour rate | <i>Both finishes</i> | 6 m/h |
| | | Slump | <i>Both finishes</i> | 50 mm |
| | | Temperature | <i>Both finishes</i> | Concrete +5 °C min.: Air 15-25 °C |
| | Materials: | Face sheeting | <i>Type A finish</i> <i>Type B finish</i> | Douglas fir G1S plywood; Plastic splay arris formers Resin impregnated paper faced plywood (Pourform) |
| | | Secondary support | <i>Both finishes</i> | Timber 4" x 3" nominal PAR; ply joints backed |
| | | Primary support | <i>Both finishes</i> | Steel soldiers - RMD II |
| | | Release agent | <i>Type A finish</i> <i>Type B finish</i> | Chemical - Admast Adolease Chemical - Admast Adolease |
| | REINFORCEMENT | | <i>See Page 2</i> | <i>Both panels</i> |
| CONSTRUCTION | Delivery | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | Ready mixed (approx 30 min travel) |
| | Slump | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | 50 mm |
| | Placing | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | Crane and skip |
| | Pour rate | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | 5 m/hr |
| | Compaction | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | Internal vibrator - 50mm poker petrol driven |
| | Temperature | | <i>Both finishes</i> | Concrete (unknown) ; Air 8 °C |
| | Striking | Formwork | <i>Both finishes</i> | After approx. 24 hours |
| | Curing | Concrete | <i>Both Finishes</i> | Exposed to the weather for 7 days |

TYPE A FINISH - GUIDANCE

Type A finish is normally used where appearance is not critical, the concrete is not exposed to view or where a regular surface is required for applied finishes such as plaster or render. Preparation would be required to fill blemishes and reduce irregularities if the surface is to be painted.

The following variations in the finish are permitted:

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| General | The formwork face material may leave a wood grain imprint on the concrete, but this is not specifically part of the finish. The constructor is free to use a different type of face material, to give greater re-use of the form face, but the surface must be suitable for the application of the required finish. |
| Colour | There are no requirements for colour consistency or shade with this finish. |
| Blowholes | Permitted up to 20mm dia (ie covered by a 1p coin) measured on the surface Permitted up to 10mm deep measured from the surface Frequency of blemishes to be spread over the pour as described in the interpretation on page 5. |
| Abrupt Irregularities | Permitted up to 3mm, but up to 5mm at construction or movement joints, as measured on the normal surface of the finished face. Frequency of irregularity to be spread over the pour and as illustrated in the interpretation on page 5 This irregularity is independent of any tolerance allowed in the construction and is meant to encompass formwork face irregularities. |
| Making Good | Making good is permitted to improve the finish. |

This finish can be suitable for use as a Class 2 finish as outlined in BS8110 6.2.7.2 at the specifier's discretion. Type A finish is not applicable to Class 1 and Special Class finishes.

TYPE A FINISH - INTERPRETATION (North East)

SIDE 1 first use

SIDE 2 reused

These panels are typical of what should be expected of a Type A finish subject to the comments below

Surface Blemishes

Blowholes larger than specified may need filling for exposed finish
Note: Mastic sealing of joints in formwork would reduce grout loss at edges

Abrupt Irregularities

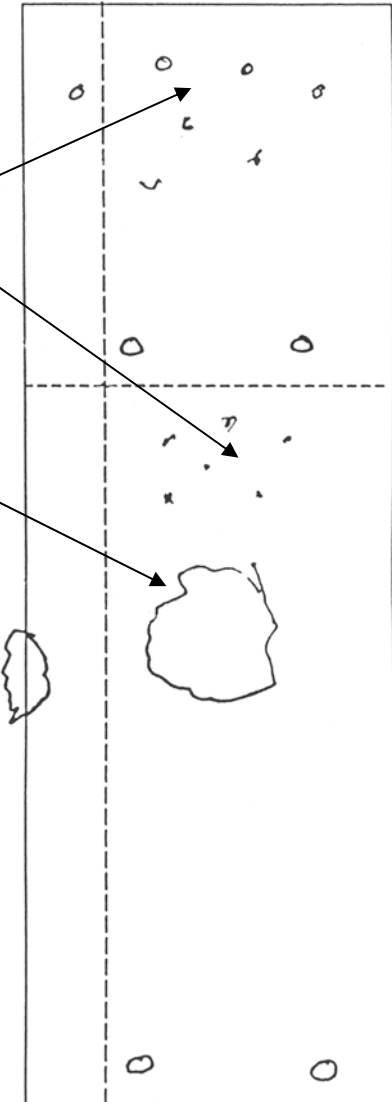
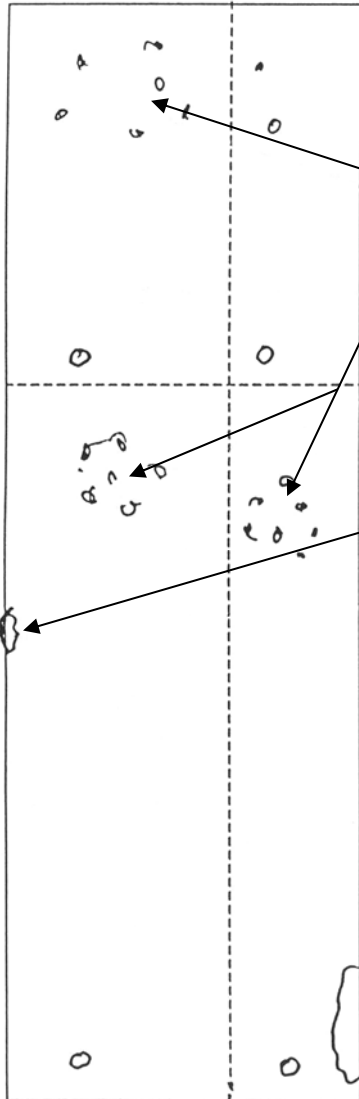
Poker damage to form face need removed for exposed finish
All joints and 'nailheads' within specification

Making Good

Grout loss should be made good (as done to panel return)
Typical bolt hole making good shown - recessed and flush

General

Both side have a greater frequency of small and large blowholes than should be expected



TYPE B FINISH - GUIDANCE

Type B finish is normally used where the finish is exposed to view in the completed works. The suitability of the finish should have regard to BS8110 6.2.7.1 and 6.2.7.3 which states it is “impossible to achieve dense, flat, smooth, even-coloured, blemish-free concrete surfaces direct from the formwork”. Type B finish is as-struck from the forms and any subsequent working of the face will result in type C finish.

The following variations to the finish are permitted:

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| General | The formwork face material will leave marks from the sheet edges and perhaps some local dark discolouration. The constructor is free to use a different type of face material, to give greater re-use, but the surface must meet the requirement of type B finish. |
| Colour | Variation in colour should be kept to a minimum, but attention is drawn to the guide on appearance above and in the interpretation on page 7. |
| Blowholes | Permitted up to 10mm dia (approx diameter of a pen) measured on the surface Permitted up to 5mm deep measured from the surface Frequency of void to be spread over the pour and as described in the interpretation on page 7. |
| Abrupt Irregularities | Permitted up to 2mm, but up to 3mm at construction or movement joints, as measured on the normal surface of the finished face Frequency of irregularity to be spread over the pour and as illustrated in the interpretation on page 7 This irregularity is independent of any tolerance allowed in the construction and is meant to encompass formwork face irregularities |
| Making Good | Making good should not be used to improve the finish. If the finish is to be improved it should be categorized as a Type C finish. Making good as a remedial action may be permitted, but care in colour matching is required. |

This finish can be suitable for use as a Class 1 or Class 2 finish as outlined in BS8110 6.2.7.2 at the specifier’s discretion. Type B finish is not applicable to Special Class finishes.

TYPE B FINISH - INTERPRETATION (North East)

SIDE 1 first use

SIDE 2 reused

These panels are typical of what should be expected of a Type B finish subject to the comments below

Surface Blemishes

Larger holes require filling to meet 10mm requirement and fewer should be expected

Note examples of bolt hole filling - flush and recessed

Note: Mastic sealing of joints in formwork would reduce grout loss at edges

Abrupt Irregularities

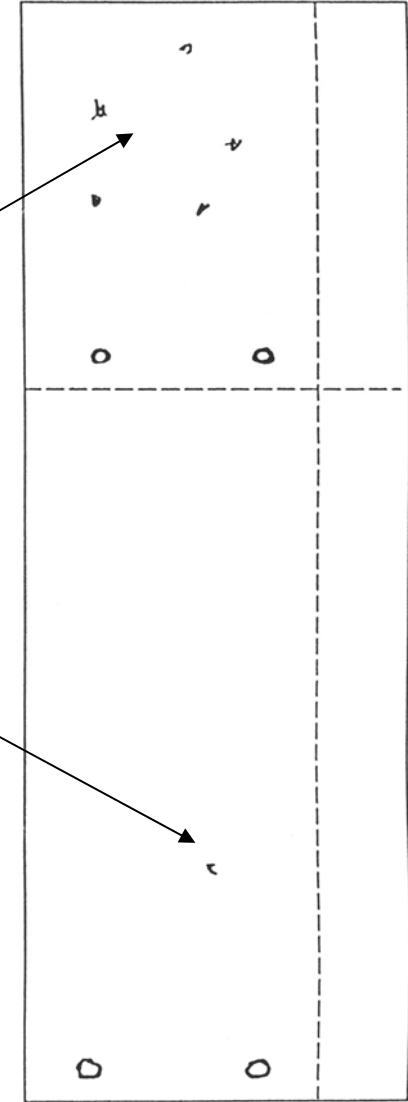
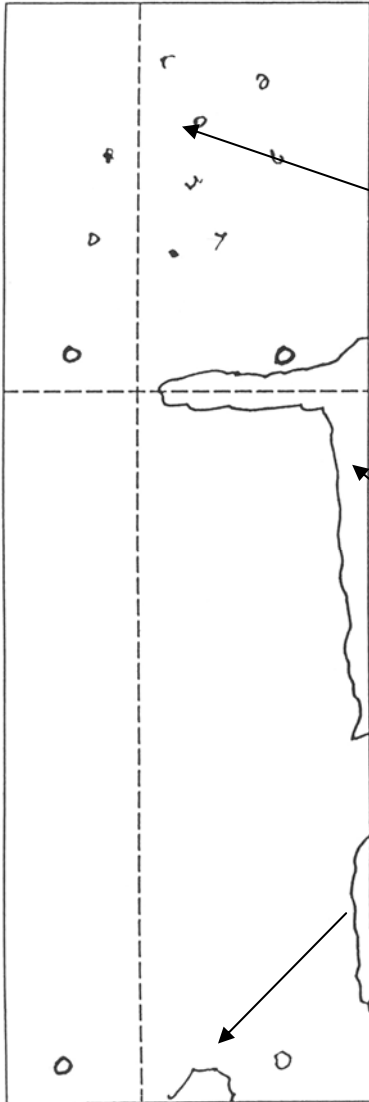
All within 2mm requirement

Colour

Black stains caused by handling during erection of panels
Color variation is as expected on reuse may reduce with weathering

General

Both sides meet the specification with filling of large hole blemishes



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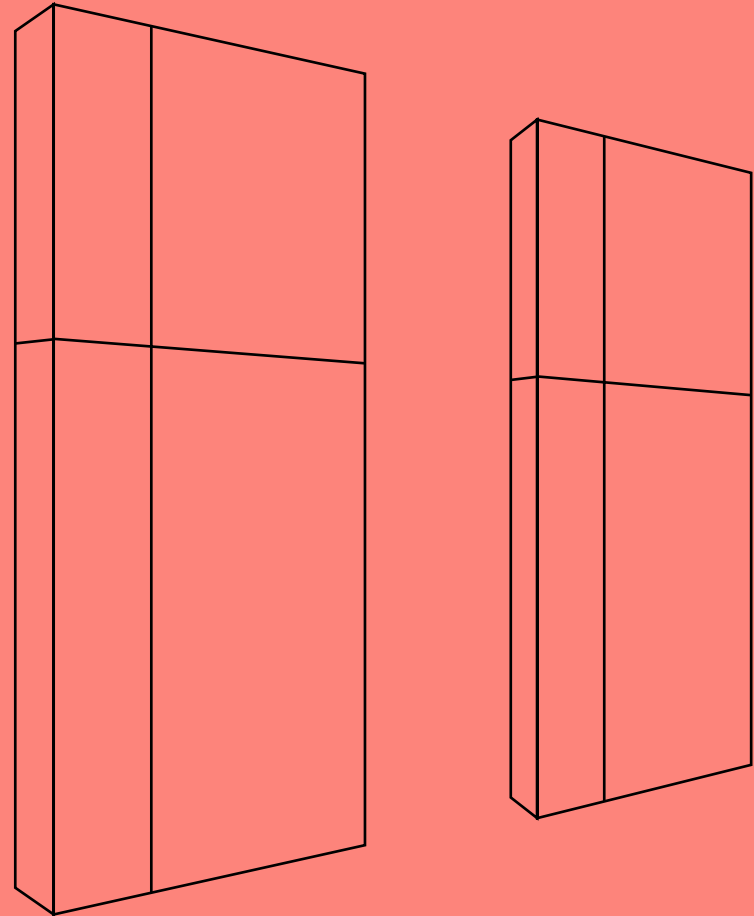
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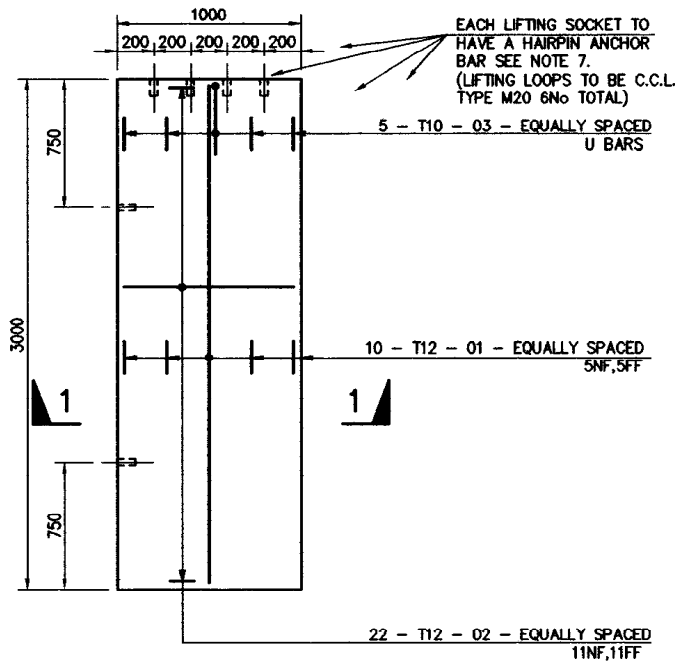
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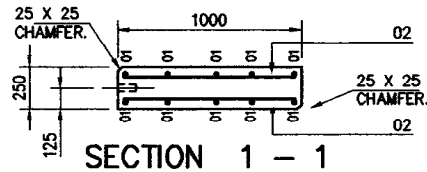
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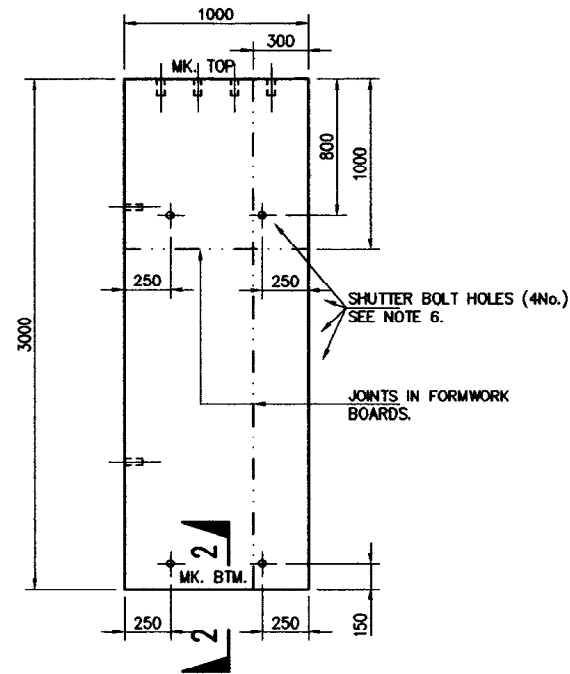


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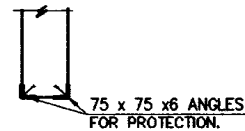
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| FORMWORK | Design: | Pour rate | <i>Both finishes</i> | 6 m/h |
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| REINFORCEMENT | | <i>See Page 2</i> | <i>Both panels</i> | |
| CONSTRUCTION | Delivery | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | Ready mixed (approx 30 min travel) |
| | Consistence | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | 50 mm Slump |
| | Placing | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | Crane and skip |
| | Pour rate | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | 5 m/hr |
| | Compaction | Concrete | <i>Both finishes</i> | Internal vibrator - 50mm poker petrol driven |
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| | Striking | Formwork | <i>Both finishes</i> | After approx. 24 hours |
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ORDINARY FINISH - GUIDANCE

Ordinary finish is normally used where appearance is not critical, the concrete is not exposed to view or where a regular surface is required for applied finishes such as plaster or render. Preparation would be required to fill blemishes and reduce irregularities if the surface is to be painted.

The following variations in the finish are permitted:

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| Colour | There are no requirements for colour consistency or shade with this finish. |
| Blowholes | Permitted up to 20mm dia (ie covered by a 1p coin) measured on the surface Permitted up to 10mm deep measured from the surface Frequency of blemishes to be spread over the pour as described in the interpretation on page 5. |
| Abrupt Irregularities | Permitted up to 3mm, but up to 5mm at construction or movement joints, as measured on the normal surface of the finished face. Frequency of irregularity to be spread over the pour and as illustrated in the interpretation on page 5 This irregularity is independent of any tolerance allowed in the construction and is meant to encompass formwork face irregularities. |
| Making Good | Making good is permitted to improve the finish. |

Further general guidance on the use of Ordinary finish is available in NSCS Guidance clause 8.6.1.3 which expands the brief informative description in BS EN 13670: 2009 Annex F, Table F4.

ORDINARY FINISH - INTERPRETATION (North East)

SIDE 1 first use

SIDE 2 reused

These panels are typical of what should be expected of an Ordinary finish subject to the comments below

Surface Blemishes

Blowholes larger than specified may need filling for exposed finish
Note: Mastic sealing of joints in formwork would reduce grout loss at edges

Abrupt Irregularities

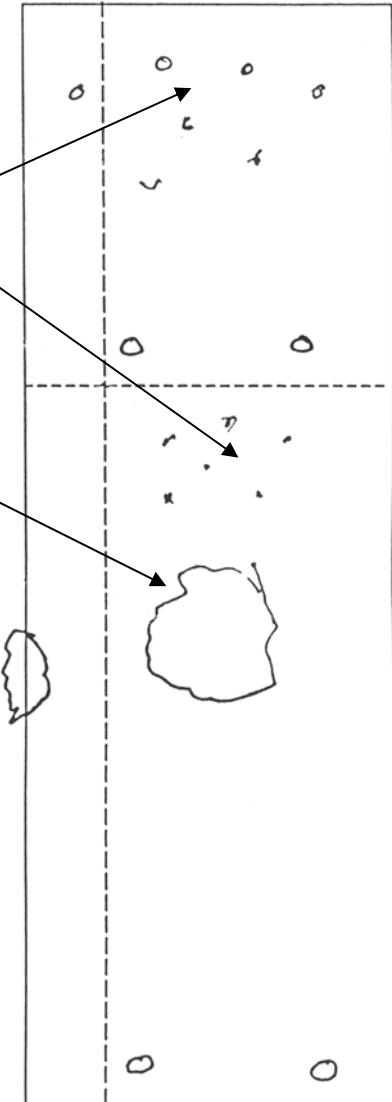
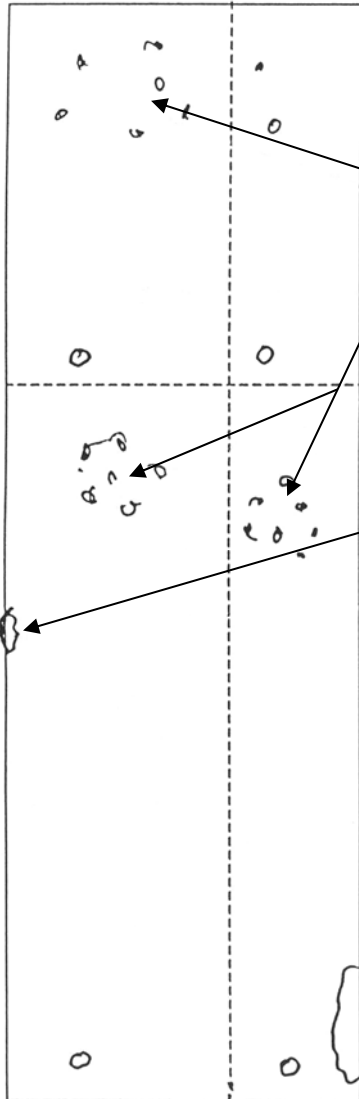
Poker damage to form face need removed for exposed finish
All joints and 'nailheads' within specification

Making Good

Grout loss should be made good (as done to panel return)
Typical bolt hole making good shown - recessed and flush

General

Both side have a greater frequency of small and large blowholes than should be expected



PLAIN FINISH - GUIDANCE

Plain finish is normally used where the finish is exposed to view in the completed works. The suitability of the finish should have regard to the impossibility to achieve dense, flat, smooth, even-coloured, blemish-free concrete surfaces direct from the formwork. Plain finish is as-struck from the forms and any subsequent working of the face will result in Special finish.

The following variations to the finish are permitted:

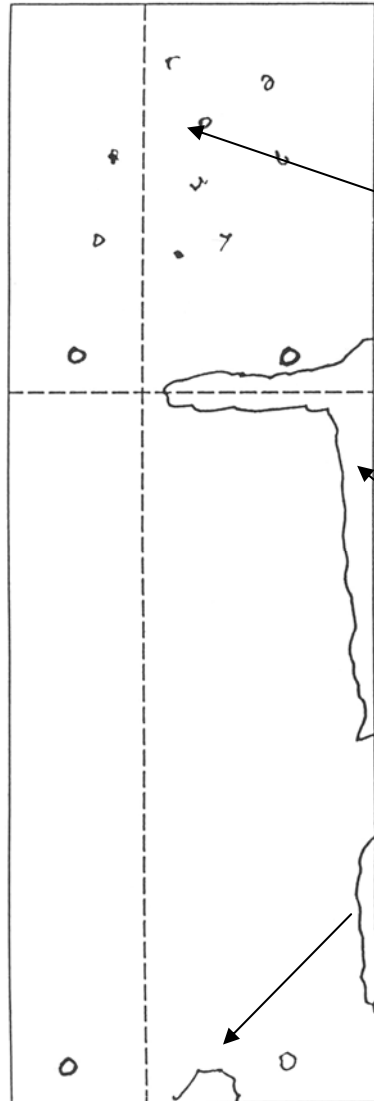
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| General | The formwork face material will leave marks from the sheet edges and perhaps some local dark discolouration. The constructor is free to use a different type of face material, to give greater re-use, but the surface must meet the requirement of Plain finish. |
| Colour | Variation in colour should be kept to a minimum, but attention is drawn to the guide on appearance above and in the interpretation on page 7. |
| Blowholes | Permitted up to 10mm dia (approx diameter of a pen) measured on the surface Permitted up to 5mm deep measured from the surface Frequency of void to be spread over the pour and as described in the interpretation on page 7. |
| Abrupt Irregularities | Permitted up to 2mm, but up to 3mm at construction or movement joints, as measured on the normal surface of the finished face Frequency of irregularity to be spread over the pour and as illustrated in the interpretation on page 7 This irregularity is independent of any tolerance allowed in the construction and is meant to encompass formwork face irregularities |
| Making Good | Making good should not be used to improve the finish. If the finish is to be improved it should be categorized as a Special finish. Making good as a remedial action may be permitted, but care in colour matching is required. |

Further general guidance on the use of Plain finish is available in NSCS Guidance clause 8.6.1.3 which expands the brief informative description in BS EN 13670: 2009 Annex F, Table F4. NSCS Guidance clause 8.6.1.4 gives guidance on further considerations for the successful production of Special finishes.

PLAIN FINISH - INTERPRETATION (North East)

SIDE 1 first use

SIDE 2 reused



These panels are typical of what should be expected of a Plain finish subject to the comments below

Surface Blemishes

Larger holes require filling to meet 10mm requirement and fewer should be expected

Note examples of bolt hole filling - flush and recessed

Note: Mastic sealing of joints in formwork would reduce grout loss at edges

Abrupt Irregularities

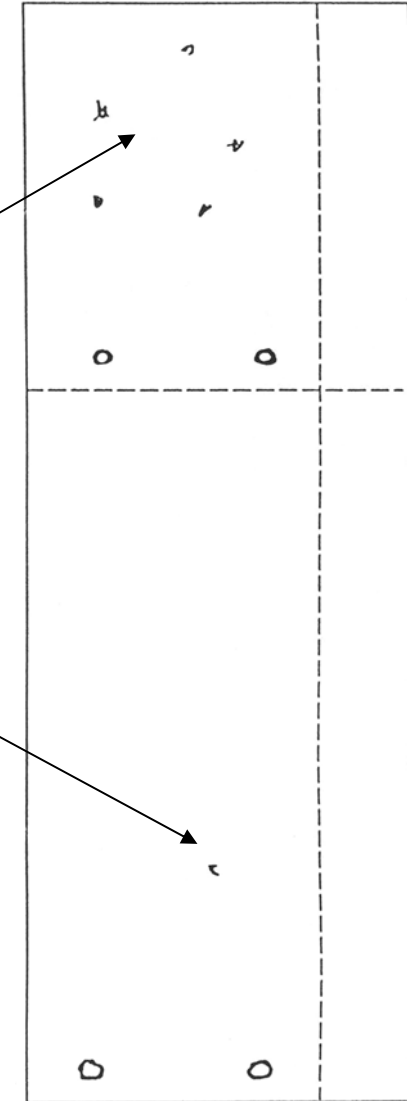
All within 2mm requirement

Colour

Black stains caused by handling during erection of panels
Color variation is as expected on reuse may reduce with weathering

General

Both sides meet the specification with filling of large hole blemishes



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