

APPENDIX B
EQUATIONS FOR COMPUTING THE ALLOWABLE WALL LOADS
NEAR CENTER OF SLAB OR NEAR KEYED
OR DOWELED JOINTS

$$P = 4\sigma_t S\lambda$$

$$\sigma_t = 1.6\sqrt{f'_c}$$

$$S = \frac{bt_e^2}{6}$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt[4]{\frac{12k}{4EI}}$$

$$E = 57,000 \sqrt{f'_c}$$

$$I = \frac{bt_e^3}{12}$$

$$b = 12 \text{ inches}$$

$$P = 4 \left(1.6 \sqrt{f'_c}\right) \left(\frac{bt_e^2}{6}\right) \sqrt[4]{\frac{12k}{4EI}}$$

$$= 4 \left(1.6 \sqrt{f'_c}\right) \left(\frac{12t_e^2}{6}\right) \sqrt[4]{\frac{3k}{57,000 \sqrt{f'_c} (12t_e^3/12)}}$$

$$P = 12.8 \sqrt{f'_c} t_e^2 \times \sqrt[4]{\frac{k}{19,000 \sqrt{f'_c} t_e^3}}$$

f'_c = specified compressive strength of concrete, pounds per square inch

t_e = slab thickness, inches

k = modulus of subgrade reaction, pounds per cubic inch

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Equations for Computing the Allowable Wall Load Near A Free Edge

$$P = \frac{\sigma_t S \lambda}{B_{\lambda x}}$$

$B_{\lambda x} = 0.3224$ (point of maximum moment, see table in Beams on Elastic Foundations by M. Hetenyi)

$$P = 1.6 \sqrt{f'_c} \left(\frac{bt_e^2}{6} \right) \frac{\sqrt[4]{\frac{12k}{4EI}}}{0.3224}$$

$$= 1.6 \sqrt{f'_c} \left(\frac{12t_e^2}{6} \right) \frac{\sqrt[4]{\frac{3k}{57,000 \sqrt{f'_c} (12t_e^3/12)}}}{0.3224}$$

$$P = 9.93 \sqrt{f'_c} t_e^2 \sqrt[4]{\frac{k}{19,000 \sqrt{f'_c} t_e^3}}$$