

## *Valuation of Steel Column Base- A Economical Case Study (under IS code 800-1984)*

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### **CASE STUDY**

#### *Introduction*

Steel column base consist of 1- steel beam, stands vertically with cover plate and base with steel bearing plate, resting on concrete block as foundation. Steel column base is laterally supported with cleat and Web angle.

The steel column bearing steel base plate in volumetric way as well as the volume of concrete block decide the cost for economical valuation.

To cope with the technical title of paper, an illustration assuming data for column base has been made with its comparative study in tabulated form.

Steel column base is used as column base on which truss rests and truss roof covering is used as shade for railway station, bus stand, workshops and industry where large open area with shade in required. The valuation exists with cost and economy exists with least cost. As per the design of steel column base, the 1- section, cleat angle, web angle and nut bolt costs remain same, but change depends on bearing plate size of square or rectangular shape. Also the least size of concrete block sets economy.

**Illustration-A** steel column ISMB-300 has been used for setting economy to bear axially load of 600KN  $f_b=185N/mm^2$ ,  $f_{CC}=5N/mm^2$ ,  $f_{soil}=1.8N/mm^2$ .

**Solution:** - Area of bearing plate= $\frac{\text{load}}{\text{stress}}$   
 $\frac{600000}{5} = 120000mm^2$

For square plate	For rectangular plate
1. Area of plate= $120000\text{mm}^2$	1. Area of plate= $120000\text{mm}^2$
2. Size of plate= $\sqrt{120000}=347\text{mm}=347\text{mm}$	2. Area of plate= $(300+2a)(140+2a)=120000$ $a=68\text{mm}$
3. Actual area= $347 \times 347 = 120409\text{mm}^2$	Size of plate= $436 \times 276\text{mm} = 120336\text{mm}^2$
4. Incoming pressure intensity of bearing Plate $w = \frac{600000}{120409} = 4.98\text{N/mm}^2$	3. $w = \frac{600000}{120336} = 4.98\text{N/mm}^2$
5. Thickness of plate $t = \sqrt{\frac{3w}{f_b} \left( A^2 - \frac{B^2}{4} \right)}$ Here	4. $t = \sqrt{\frac{3w}{f_b} \left( A^2 - \frac{B^2}{4} \right)}$ $A = \frac{436-300}{2} = 68\text{mm}$
$A = \frac{347-140}{2} = 103.5 = 104\text{mm}$	$B = \frac{28 \times 76 - 140}{2} = 68\text{mm}$
$B = \frac{347-300}{2} = 24\text{mm}$ , $t = 29.3 = 30\text{mm}$	$t = 16.73 = 17 = 18\text{mm}$
6. Plate complete size= $347 \times 347 \times 30\text{mm}$	5. Bearing plate size= $436 \times 276 \times 18\text{mm}$
7. Volume of steel plate= $3612270\text{mm}^3$	6. Volume of bearing plate= $2166048\text{mm}^3$

Steel saving by rectangular plate size =  $\frac{3612270 - 2166048}{3612270} \times 100 = 40\%$

8. Incoming load on foundation= $600+60=660\text{KN}$	7. Incoming load= $660\text{KN}$
9. Required area of concrete block= $\frac{660000}{1.8} = 366666.67\text{mm}^2$	8. Area required= $366666.67\text{mm}^2$ Ratio of plate size= $436:276=1.58:1$
10. Area= $606\text{mm} \times 606\text{mm}$	9. Size of concrete block= $762\text{mm} \times 482\text{mm}$
11. Thickness= $\frac{606-350}{2} = 128\text{mm}$	10. Thickness= $163\text{mm}$
12. Volume of concrete block= $606 \times 606 \times 128 = 47006208\text{mm}^3$	11. Volume= $59867292\text{mm}^3$
A cost saving in rectangular concrete= $\frac{59867292 - 47006028}{47006028} \times 100 = 27.36\%$	12. Cost of concrete= $59867292/-$
13. Cost of concrete block= $47006208/-$	13. Cost of steel= $2166048 \times 60 = 129962880/-$
14. Cost of steel= $3612270 \times 60 = 216736200/-$	14. Total cost= $189830172/-$
15. Total cost= $263742408/-$	

Percentage saving by Rectangular steel column base =  $\frac{263742408 - 189830172}{263742408} \times 100 = 28\%$

**Another case study**

**Illustration 2-A** steel column ISMB-300 has been used for setting economy to bear axially load of 700KN. The cover plates of size 320x16mm have been fixed with column flange  $f_b = 185N/mm^2$ ,  $f_{CC} = 4.4N/mm^2$ ,  $f_{soil} = 1.8N/mm^2$ .

Area of bearing plate =  $\frac{\text{load}}{\text{stress}} = \frac{700000}{4.4} = 159090.90mm^2 = 160000mm^2$

For square plate	For rectangular plate
1. Size of plate = 400mm x 400mm Area of plate = 160000mm <sup>2</sup>	1. Size of plate = 395mm x 407mm 2. $w = \frac{700000}{390 \times 410} = 4.35N/mm^2$
2. Actual pressure intensity of bearing plate $w = \frac{700000}{160000} = 4.375N/mm^2$	3. $t = \sqrt{\frac{3w}{f_b} (A^2 - \frac{B^2}{4})}$ $A = B = \frac{395 - 320}{2} = 37.5mm$ OR $\frac{407 - 312}{2} = 37.5mm$
3. Thickness of bearing plate $t = \sqrt{\frac{3w}{f_b} (A^2 - \frac{B^2}{4})}$ Here $A = \frac{400 - 320}{2} = 40mm$ $B = \frac{400 - (300 + 2 \times 16)}{2} = 34mm$	See fig 1=9 mm
See fig 7.14 t=10mm	4. Bearing plate size = 395x407x9 = 1446885mm <sup>3</sup>
4. Plate complete size = 400x400x10mm	5. Volume of bearing plate = 1446885mm <sup>3</sup>
5. Volume of steel plate = 1600000mm <sup>3</sup>	6. Steel saving = 9.57%
6. Concrete block size = $\frac{770000}{1.8} = 427777.8mm^2$ Size = 654mm x 655mm	6. concrete block size = $\frac{370000}{1.8} = 42777.8mm^2$ Size of concrete block = 645mm x 665mm
7. Depth of concrete block = $\frac{655 - 400}{2} = 128mm$	7. Depth of concrete block = $\frac{645 - 395}{2} = 125mm$ OR $\frac{665 - 407}{2} = 129mm$
8. Size = 655x655x128mm	8. Size = 645x665x129mm
9. Valuation Steel = 1600000x60 = 96000000/-	9. Valuation Steel = 1446885x60 = 86813100/-
10. Cost of concrete block = 54915200/- Concrete saving = $\frac{55331325 - 54915200}{54915200} \times 100 = 0.75\%$	10. Cost of concrete block = 55331325/- cost = 142144425/- Saving = $\frac{150915200 - 142144425}{150915200} \times 100 = 5.8\%$
11. Total cost = 150915200/-	

**CONCLUSION**

The case study-1 reveals that using of rectangular steel bearing plate in steel column base will save the cost by 35 to 40% with respect to square bearing plate. Though rectangular concrete block increased cost by 27% in this case however overall cost of rectangular steel column base has been saved cost by 28% by the illustrated condition.

In case study-2, steel saving by using rectangular plate remains 9.57% and concrete increasing cost by 0.75% exists with rectangular concrete block. Again total saving of cost in rectangular column base exist by 28%. Hence its concluded that rectangular size column base is economical over square column base. So it is recommended to use rectangular steel column base in place of square column base to set economy roughly by 28%. So the merger of steel structure designing is allowed to use rectangular steel column base to set economy while valuating the structure.

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