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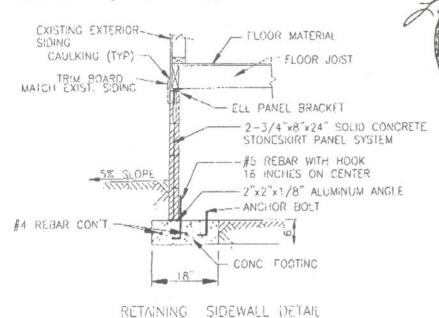
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Solid Concrete Block Retaining Wall Design Calculations Aluminum Angle Bottom Support



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Check Maximum length of angle between support points (vertical rebar).

Aluminum Angle Properties: Weight = 0.59 lb./ft.

Area = 0.49 sq. in.

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I = mament of inertia = 0.23 in.⁴ S = section of modulus = 0.18 in.³ Tensile Strenath = 9000 = 5

Calculate Resisting Moment of Angle (M_r)

S = 1/c c = 0.23/0.18 = 1.28

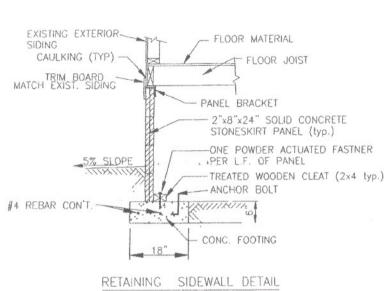
 $M_r = 0 \times 1/c = (9000)(0.23)/1.28 = 1617.19 in-lb$ Solve for Maximum Length (f) in Bending Moment Formula

E = modulus of elasticity = 10,000,000

W = 158.93 lb./ft = 13.24 lb./in.

 $M = w^2 / 8$ $f = ((1617.19)(8)/13.24)^5 = 31.26$ inches Set vertical rebar at 16 inches on center, Safety Factor = 31.26*/16" = 1.95

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Compute Equivalent Fluid Pressure

 $\frac{1}{2}$ wH² = 134.14 lbs.

 $W = 134.14 \times 2 / (3.0')^2 = 29.8 psf$

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Calculate Bending Moment: Assume the panel acts as a simply supported beam with concentrated load at 6.6 inches from the base (R₂)

$$M = P(a)(b)/length$$

$$M = (200.75 \times 6.7" \times 25.3")/32" = 1063.41 \text{ in-lb.} (88.62 \text{ ft. lb.})$$

Based on testing, maximum point load on 2.67' wall equals 650 lb. Therefore, max. Moment wire safety factor of 3 equals 144.6 ft. lb.

88.62 ft. lb. < 144.6 ft. lb. == O.K.

Check Soil Bearing:

Weight of Stoneskirt Wall = 28 lb./s.f.

Soil Bearing Capacity = 1000 psf (assumed)

Concrete Footing Weight = .75 s.f. X 150 pcf X 1 L.F. of width = 112.50 lbs. Weight of Block Wall = 2.67 s.f. X 28 psf X 1 L.F. of width = 75.00 lbs.

Soil Weight above Toe = 1.32 s.f. X 110 pcf X 1 L.F. width = 145.20 lbs.

Total Weight = 332.70 lbs.

Soil Bearing Safety Factor =1000 psf/(332.70 lb./ 1.5 sf) = 4.5

Check Uplift

Wind Loads = Uplift

Assume design wind speed of 80 mph (W)

To convert MPH to a basic wind velocity pressure (q) in psf, $q=0.00256 \times Kz \times v^2$

Where V is basic wind speed and Kz is velocity pressure coefficient = 0.8

 $q = 0.00256 \times 0.8 \times (80)^2 = 13.11 \text{ psf}$ Design wind pressures (p) are based on external and internal effects utilizing the

following equation: p = (q x Gh xCp) - (q x Gcpi)

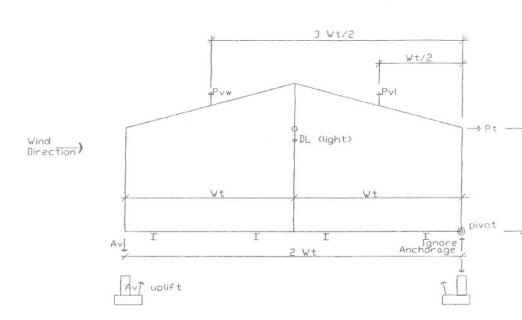
Where (Gh) the gust response factor = 1.32 and (Gcpi) the internal pressure coefficient = .25 and (Cp) external pressure coefficients = -0.9 (windward) and -0.7 (leeward).

 $p = (13.11 \times 1.32 \times -0.9) - (13.11 \times .25) = -18.85 \text{ psf on the windward side}$

 $p = (13.11 \times 1.32 \times -0.7) - (13.11 \times .25) = -15.39 \text{ psf on the leeward side}$

A negative pressure indicates uplift (working against gravity).

Wind pressures and suctions are typically treated as uniformly distributed and typically applied perpendicular to the orientation of any planar surface. The vertical pressure component (Pv) equals the pressure (p) times the horizontal length of the slope



The wall and footing is attached to the exterior main beam and acts as anchor to resist up lift:

Required vertical anchorage (Av) based on overturning forces due to wind and the home dead loads providing resistance. The overturning pivot point is located at the exterior foundation wall on the leeward side. Uplift is the wind pressure working at a leverage distance from the pivot point. Wt is equal to the width of a multi-section unit divided by 2.

 $Mo = (Pt \times Hn) + (Pvw \times (3xWt/2)) + (Pvl \times (Wt/2)) = 7202.83 \text{ ft-lb}$

The total dead load provides the only gravity load resistance to overturning. $Mr = DL \times Wt = 7928.2$ ft-lb, where DL is the light dead load for a multi-section unit equal to 157.5+29.2(Wt) = 566.3

Av = $(1.5 \times Mo - Mr)/(2 \times Wt) = 102.72$ lb/ft, The perimeter wall must provide at least this much withdrawal resistance. The potential resistance is computed by adding the weighs to the building materials and soil on top of the footing, plus footing weight.

The 30" tall block wall with 18" footer = 332.70 lb/ft. Allowing a safety factor of 332.70 /102.72 = 3.2

Check spacing of anchors to resist uplift. Use steel strap, cross-section area = 0.2145 sq. in. Max. load per strap is 1900 lbs. according to manufacturer data. Spacing = 1900# /102.72#/ft = 18.5 ft.

Use standard spacing of 8 feet. Safety factor = 18.5/8 = 2.3.

Check Safety Factor Against Sliding

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Coefficient of friction of Concrete on Soil = Tan of Friction Angle = Tan \ 23.3^{\circ}
= 0.43
Friction force on base = (0.43)(306.66 \ lbs.)
= 131.87 \ lbs.
Resultant Active Pressure on stem = R_2 – Passive pressure (P_p) due to compression against undisturbed soil or compacted soil (P_p = 2.56 \ x \ 110 \ lb. \ x \ .5' = 140.8 \ lbs.)
Therefore the Resultant Active Pressure = 216.7 \ lbs. - 140.8 \ lbs
= 75.9 \ lbs
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Safety Factor for sliding = 1.74 OK!

Check Safety Factor Against Overturning

Overturning about the Toe is caused by the active pressures of the backfill. The active and passive forces create moments about the Toe. The correcting moments should be at least 1.5 times the overturning moments. When the top of the wall is attached to the house overturning is not a problem. During construction do not backfill until wall is complete to prevent overturning.